ANNO. XXVI.

HENRICI

VIII.

ACTES MADE IN THE session of this present parliament holden vpon prorogacion at Westm̄, the. III. daie of Nouēber, in the. XXVI. yere of the reigne of our moste drad soueraine lorde kynge HENRY the. VIII. and there continued and kepte till the. XVIII. daie of December nexte ensuynge.

To the honor of god, and for the common weale and profite of this realme.

THO. BERTHELET EXCVDEBAT. CVM PRIVILEGIO.

thei shall truelie, fyrmely, and constantly without fraude or gyle obserue, fulfyl, maynteine, defende and kepe, to theyr cunnynge, witte, and vtter moste of their powers, the hole effectes and contentes of this presente acte. And that all maner your subiectes, as well spirituall and temporal, suyng liueray, restitucions, or oter le maine out of the handes of your highnes, or of your heires, or doinge any fealtie to your highnes, or to youre heires, by reason of tenure of their landes, shall swere a lyke corporal othe, that thei and euerie of theim, withoute fraude or gyle, to their cunnynge, witte, and vttermoste of their powers, shall truelye, firmelie and constantlye obserue, fulfill, mainteine, defende, and kepe the effectes and contentes conteined and specified in this acte, or in anye parte therof. And that thei nor any of theym shall hereafter haue any lyueraies, oter le maine, or restitucion out of your handes, nor out of the handes of your heires, tylle they haue made the sayde corporal othe, in fourme aboue rehersed. And if any person or persones, beynge [illegible] toritie of this acte, to make the saide oth[illegible] that to do in contempt of this acte: that th[illegible] be taken and accepted for offendour in[illegible] that euery suche refusall shall be demed [illegible] reason, and the offendour therin to suffr[illegible] and imprisonmente, losses, and forfaitures, and also lose priuileges of sanctuaries, in lyke maner and forme as is aboue mencioned for the misprisions of tresons afore lymitted by this act.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that the artycle in this acte conteined, concernynge prohibicions of mariages within the degrees afore mencioned in this acte, shal alwaies be taken, interpreted, and expounded of such mariages, where mariages were solempnysed, and carnall knowlage was had.

GOD SAVE THE KYNGE.

ANNO. XXVI.

HENRICI VIII.

ACTES MADE IN THE seſſion of this preſent parliament holden vpon prorogacion at Weſtm. the. III. date of Nouember, in the. XXVI. yere of the reigne of our moſte dread ſoueraine lorde kynge HENRY the. VIII. and there continued and kepte till the. XVIII. date of Decembre nexte enſuynge.

To the honor of god, and for the common weale and profite of this realme.

THO. BERTHELET EXCVDEBAT. CVM PRIVILEGIO.

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ALbeit the kynges maiestie iustely and rightefully is and oweth to be the supreme head of the churche of Englande, and so is recognised by the clergie of this realme in their Conuocations, yet neuertheles for corroboracion & confirmacion therof, and for encrease of vertue in Christis religion within this realme of England, and to represse and extirpe all errours, heresies, & other enormities and abuses heretofore vsed in the same: Be it enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that the king our soueraigne lorde, his heires and successours, kynges of this realme, shall be taken accepted and reputed the onely supreme head in erthe of the churche of Englande, called Anglicana Ecclesia, And shall haue and enioy annexed and vnited to the imperiall crowne of this realme, as well the title and stile therof, as al honours, dignities, preeminences, iurisdictions, priuileges, auctorities, immunities, profites, and commodities to the saide dignitie of supreme head of the same churche belonging and appertenyng. And that our saide soueraine lorde his heires and successours kynges of this realme, shall haue full power and auctorite from time to time, to visite, represse, redresse, reforme, order, correcte, restraine, & amende all suche errours, heresies, abuses, offences, contemptis, and enormities, what so euer thei be, which by any maner spirituall auctorite or iurisdiction ought or maie lawfully be reformed, represſed, ordered, redressed, corrected, restrained, or amended, moste to the pleasure of almighty god, the encrease of vertue in Christis religion, and for the conseruacion of the peace, vnitie, and tranquillitie of this realme, any vsage, custom, forein lawes, forein auctorite, prescription, or any other thing or thinges, to the contrarie herof notwithstandyng.

Supreme head of the church of Englād

Errours.

Heresies.

¶ An acte ratifieng the othe that euery of the kynges subiectes hath taken, and shall hereafter be bounde to take for due obseruacion of the acte made for the suretie of the succession of the kynges highnes in the crowne of the realme. Cap. ii.

WHere at the last session of this present parliament, in the acte than made for the establishement of the Succession of the heires of the kynges highnes in the imperial crowne of this realme, It is contened amonges other thinges, that all and singuler the kynges subiectes, as well the nobles spirituall and temporall, as other, shoulde make and take a corporall othe, whan so euer it shulde please the kynges maiestie, or his heires, to appoint, that thei shulde truely, firmely, and constantely, without fraude or

Othe.

gyle, obserue, fulfil, mainteine, defende and kepe to their coumnyng wit and vttermoſt of their powers, the hole effectes and cõtentes of the ſaid act, as in the ſame act amõges other thinges moze plainely appereth. And at the date of the laſt pzozogacion of this pzeſent parliamẽt, as well the nobles ſpiritual and tempozall, as other the cõmons of this pzeſent parliament than aſſembled in the high houſe of the parliament, moſt louingly accepted & toke ſuch othe as then was deuiſed in wzyting foz maintenance and defence of the ſaid act, and ment and entended at that time, that euery other the kynges ſubiectes ſhuld be bounde to accept and take the ſame, vpon the peines conteined in the ſaid acte. The tenour of whiche othe hereafter enſueth.

¶ Ye ſhall ſweare to beare faith, truthe, and obedience all onely to the kinges maieſtie, and to his heires of his body of his moſt dere and entierly beloued lauful wife Queene Anne begotten & to be begotte. And further to the heires of our ſaid ſoueraine lozde, accozding to the limitacion in the ſtatute made foz ſuretie of his ſucceſſion in the crowne of this realme mencioned and conteined, and not to any other within this realme, noz foreine auctozitie oz potentate. And in caſe any othe be made oz hath be made by you to any perſonne oz perſonnes, that then ye to repute the ſame as vaine and adnichilate. And that to your coumnyng, witte, and vttermoſt of your power, without gile, fraude, oz other vndewe meane, ye ſhall obſerue, kepe, maintein, and defende the ſaid acte of ſucceſſion, and al the hole effectes & contentes therof, and all other actes and ſtatutes made in confirmacion, oz foz execucion of the ſame, oz of any thing therin conteined. And this ye ſhall do againſt all maner of perſones, of what eſtate dignitie degree oz condicion ſo euer thei be. And in no wiſe do oz attempte, noz to your power ſuffre to be done oz attempted directely oz indirectely any thyng oz thynges priuely oz appertly, to the let, hynderaunce, damage, oz derogacion therof, oz of any parte of the ſame, by any maner of meanes, oz foz any maner of pretence, ſo helpe you god, all ſainctes, and the holy Euangeliſtes.

¶ And foz as muche as it is conuenient foz the ſure maintenaunce and defence of the ſame acte, that the ſaid othe ſhulde not only be auctoziſed by auctozitie of parliament, but alſo be interpzet and expounded by the hole aſſent of this pzeſent parliament, that it was mente and entended by the kynges maieſtie, the lozdes and cõmons of the parliament, at the ſaid daie of the ſaid laſt pzozogacion, that euery ſubiect ſhulde be bounden to take the ſame othe accozdyng to the tenour and effecte therof, vpon the peines and penalties conteined in the ſaide acte: Therfoze be it enacted by auctozitie of this pzeſent parliamẽt, that the ſaid othe aboue reherſed, ſhalbe interprete expouned, reputed, accepted, and adiuged the very othe, that the kynges highnes, the lozdes ſpiritual & tempozal, and the cõmons of this pzeſent parliamẽt mente & intended, that euery ſubiecte of this realme ſhuld be obliged, and bounden to take and accept foz maintenance and defence of the ſame acte, vpon the peines conteined in the ſaide acte. And that euery of the kynges ſubiectes, vpon the ſaide peines ſhall be obliged to accepte and take the ſaide othe.

And

¶And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that the commissioners that hereafter shall be appointed to receiue suche othe of the kynges subiectes, or two of theim at the least, shall haue power and auctoritie to certifie into the kynges benche by writynge, vnder their seales, euery refusell that hereafter shalbe made afore them of the same othe by any person or persones commyng afore them, to take the same othe. And that euery suche certificat to be made by suche commissioners, as is aforesaide, shall bee taken as stronge and as auailable in the lawe, as an inditement of .xii. men lawfully founden of the saide refusell. So that the persone and persones, agaynst whome any suche certificate shalbe made, shalbe compelled to answere thervnto, as if they were indited. And that suche processe, iugement, execution, & euery other thynge shalbe had, vsed, & minystred of and vpon euery suche certificat against the offendours, as if they had ben lawfully indited of suche offences by the due cours and order of the common lawes of this realme.

An acte concernyng the paiment of firste fruittes of all dignities, benefices, and promocions spirituall, and also concernyng one annuel pencion of the .x. parte of al the possessions of the churche spirituall & temporall, graunted to the kynges highnes & his heires. ca. iii.

FOr as muche as it is and of very duetie ought to be the naturall inclinacion of all good people, lyke moste faithfull louynge, and obediente subiectes, sincerely and willyngely to desyre to prouyde, not onely for the publyke weale of their nattiue countreie, but also for the supportacion maintenaunce and defence of the royall astate of their moste dread benigne and gracious saueraign lorde, vpon whom and in whom dependeth all their iote and welthe: in whom also is vnited and knitte so princely a harte and courage, mixed with mercy wysedome and iustice, And also a naturall affection ioyned to the same, as by the great inestimable and beneuolent argumentes therof beinge moste bountifully largely and many tymes shewed, ministred, and approued towardes his louyng and obedient subiectes, hath well appered: whiche requireth a lyke correspondence of gratitude to bee considered, accordynge to their moste bounden duetees. Wherfore his saide humble and obedient subiectes, as well the lordes spirituall and temporall, as the commons in this present parliament assembled, callyng to theyr remembraunce, not onely the manyfolde and innumerable benefites, daiely administred by his highenesse of them all, and to the residue to all other his subiectes of this realme: But also howe longe tyme his maiestie hath most victoriously, by his high wisedome and policie, protected, defended, and gouerned this his realme, & maintened his people and subiectes of the same in tranquillitie, peace, vnitee quietnes and welth. And also considerynge what great excessiue and inestimable charges his highnes hath heretofore bene at and sustened by the space of fiue and twentie hole yeres, and also daiely sustaineth for the maintenaunce

tenance tuicion and defence of this his realme, and his louyng subiectes of the same, whiche can not be sustened and borne without some honourable prouision and remedy may be made founde prouided and ordeined for maintenaunce therof: Do therfore desire and most humbly praie, that for the more suretie of continuance & augmentacion of his highnesse royall estate, being not onely nowe recognised (as he alwaies in dede heretofore hath ben) the only supreme head in earth nexte and immediately vnder god of the churche of Englande, but also theyr most assured and vndouted naturall souereaine liege lorde and kynge, hauinge the hole gouernaunce tuicion defence and maintenaunce of this his realme and moste louynge obedient subiectes of the same. It may therfore be ordeined and enacted by his highnesse, and the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorittie of the same, in maner and fourme folowynge.

¶ That is to saie, that the kynges highnesse, his heires and successours kinges of this Realme, shall haue and enioye from tyme to tyme to endure for euer, of euery suche persone and persones, whiche at any tyme after the firste daie of Januarie nexte commynge shall be nominated elected prefected presented collated or by any other meanes appointed to haue any Archebishoprиche, Bysshoprиche, Abbacie, Monastarie, Prиorie, College, Hospitall, Archedeaconry, Deanry, Prouostshippe, Prebende, Parsonage, vicarage, Chauntrie, Freechapell, or other dignitie benefice office or promocion spirituall within this realme, or elles where within any of the kynges dominions, of what name nature or qualitie so euer they be, or to whose foundacion patronage or gyftes so euer they belonge, the first fruites, reuenewes and profittes for one yere of euery suche archebishoprиche bisshoprиche abbacy monasterie prиorie college hospitall, archedeaconry, deanrie, prouestship, prebende personage vicarage chaunterie free chappell, or other dignitie benefice office or promocion spirituall afore named, whervnto any suche persone or persones shall after the saide firste daie of Januarie be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted. And that euery suche person and persones, before any actuall or reall possession, or medlynge with the profites of any suche archebysshoprиche, bysshoprиche, abbacy monasterie college hospitall deanrie prouostshyp prebende, personage, vicarage, chauntri, freechapell, prиorie, or other dygnitie benefice office or promocion spirituall, shall satisfie content and paie, or compounde or agree to paie to the kynges vse at reasonable daies, vpon good sureties, the saide first fruites and profites for one yere.

First fruites.

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¶ And be it also enacted by auctorитee aforesaide, that the Chauncellour of Englande and maister of the Rolles for the the tyme beyng, iointelye and seuerally, or suche other persone and persones, as shall please the kynges hyghnes, his heires or successours from tyme to tyme, at his or theyr pleasure, to name and depute by commission or commissions vnder the greatte seale, shall haue power and auctorитie as well to examine and serche for the truthe and true value of the saide first fruites and profites by all waies and meanes

Chauncellour of Englande. Maister of the Rolles

meanes that they can, as to compounde and agree for the rate of the saide firste fruites and profites, as to stall and limitte reasonable dates of payment therof vpon good and sufficient suretie or sureties, by writynges obligatorie by theyr discretions. And if composicion or agrement be had or made for the said firste fruites before the said lorde Chauncellour or maister of the Rolles, that than the writynges obligatorie or money taken for the same, shall rest remayne and abide in the hanaper of the kynges chaunceric, there saufely to be kepte to the kynges vse, and the money to be due of suche writynges obligatorie, or to be receiued in hande by reason of any suche composicion, shall be paide in the saide hanaper, to the clerke of the hanaper for the time beyng. And that the saide clerke of the hanaper shall make a trewe and a iust accompte therof lyke as he is bounde to do of the money receiued of the profittes of the kinges great seale. And if composicion or agrement be had or made for the saide firste fruites, afore any other persone or persones to be deputed by the kinges highnes, his heires or successours by commission vnder his great seale, that then the writynges obligatorie and money taken for the same, shall be deliuered to the treasourer of the kynges moste honourable chaumber for the tyme beynge, or elles where, to whom it shall please the kynges highnes his heires or successours to giue auctorite by cõmission vnder the great seale, to receiue the same.

Hanapes

Clerke of the Hanapes.

Treasourer of the kynges chaumber.

¶ And it is also ordeined and enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that euery writynge of acquitaunce subscribed with the hande and name of the clerke of the hanaper, and treasourer of the chaumber or other commissioners afore sayde, or any of them, witnessyng the receipte of the sayde firste fruites or any parte therof, shall be as good and effectuall againste the kynges highnesse, his heires and successours, to euery person and persons, hauynge the same for so muche money as shall bee mencioned to be receiued and conteined in euery such acquitaunce, as if suche acquitaunce were or had ben lawefully had and opteined in the kynges name vnder the kynges great seale, and so shall be admitted accepted and allowed and taken in euery of the kynges courtes. And that all writynges obligatory to be taken for payment of the saide firste fruites by and afore the said lord Chauncellour, or mayster of the Rolles, or by and afore any other persone or persones to be deputed to compounde and agree for the saide firste fruites, as is aforesaide, shall be of the same strength force vertue qualitie and effecte to all intentes and purposes as writynges obligatorie heretofore made by any lay person by auctorite of the statute of the Staple ben. And that vpon certificat hereafter to be made in to the kynges chaunceryе of any suche writynges obligatorie to be taken for paimente of suche firste fruites, like processe and execution shall be therupon made and had against any person spirituall or temporall, as hath ben accustomed to be made agaynst any lay person vpon certificat of writynges obligatorie of the said statute of the Staple. And that no person shalbe compelled to pay for any writyng obligatorie to be made for the sayd payment of the sayde firste fruites aboue. viii. ß. nor for any acquitaunce

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to be made for receipte of suche firste fruites aboue. iiii. ℔. And that suche person and persons as shal bee deputed by the kynges highnesse by commission vnder the great seale, to compounde and agre for the saide first fruites, shall at the ende of euery. vi. monethes next after the date of their cõmission and so from. vi. monethes to. vi. monethes, deliuer or cause to be deliuered vnto the treasourer of the chambre, for the time beyng, or els where, to suche commissioners as shall be appointed, as is aforesaide, to receiue the same, as well all suche money as all suche specialties and bondes, as they shall haue taken for the paiment of the saide firste fruites by indenture to be made betwene theim and the saide treasourer, or other commissioners, as is afore saide, conteinyng the certaintie and nombre of the sommes of money, and specialties and bondes by them taken and receiued. And if any person or persons, to whom any deputacion shall be made by commission, to compound and agree for the payment of the saide fyrste fruites, their heires, executours, or administratours, concele or imbecill any of the saide specialties or bondes, taken for the sure payment of the said first fruites, and do not deliuer them accordynge to the tenour of this acte, that then euery suche offendour shall forfaite that office of deputacion, and ouer that make fine and raunsome at the kynges owne pleasure and wyll.

¶ And it was also enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or psons whiche at any time after the saide firste date of Januarie, shall bee nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to any of the dignities, offices, benefices, or other promocions spirituall before mencioned, do entre into the actuall and reall possessions thereof, or meddell with the profittes therof, before they shall haue truely satisfied and paide to the kynges vse the firste fruites and profittes therof for one yere, or els shall haue agreed or compounded for payment of the same at reasonable dates vpon good sureties, in maner and fourme as by this acte is aboue especified: that than euery suche person and persones, so doynge and offendynge, and beyng therof conuicte by presentment, verdite, confession, or wytnes before the saide lorde Chaunceloure, or suche other as shall haue auctoritie by commission to compounde for the said first fruites and profites as is aforesaid, shall be accepted and taken an entrewder vpon the kynges possession. And that they they? executours or administratours, shall paie to the vse of the kynges highnes for euery suche offence, so muche summes of money, as shall amounte to the double value of the saide firste fruites and profites of suche dignities benefices or other spirituall promocions, wherin they shall so entre and entrewde before the paiment of the saide firste fruites and profites for one yere thereof, or before due agremente made for the same, in maner and fourme as is aboue rehersed.

Intrusion

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritee afore saide, that the firste fruites of benefices heretofore accustomed to bee paide to the bisshop of Norwiche within the dioces, and to the archedeacon of Richemunde within his archedeanry, or to any other persone or persons within this realme, or any other

Bisshop of Norwiche

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the kynges dominions, shall from the said first date of Januarie cesse and be extinct, and no lenger be paide, but onely to the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, in suche fourme, as is above mencioned in this acte.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that archebisshoppes and bisshoppes, and all other hauyng iurisdiction ordinary, maie giue and deliuer letters of institucion and induction, as thei might do before the makyng of this acte, without any offence of any article conteined in this acte: any thing in this acte conteined to the contrary therof notwithstandyng. Letters of Institucion

¶ Prouided also, that where there be diuers celles appertenyng to monasteries & priories, and that the priours of such celles be named and remouable from time to time, at the only willes & pleasures of their maisters and soueraines of the monasteries and priories, whervnto such celles belonge, that the priours of suche celles, shall not be compelled to paie any first fruites, by vertue or auctorite of this acte: any thing in this acte conteined to the contrary therof notwithstandyng: but that the first fruites and profites of euery such celi shalbe paid to the kinges highnes, his heires and successours whan so euer & as often as any person shalbe nominated, elected, prefected, or collated to the monasterie or priorie, whervnto suche celles belongen. Celles. ne pay. first fruits

¶ And ouer this be it enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, for more augmentacion and maintenaunce of the roiall estate of his imperiall crowne and dignitie of supreme head of the churche of England, shall verely haue take and enioye, and receiue vnited & knitte to his imperiall crowne for euer, one verely rent or pension, amountyng to the value of the tenthe parte of all the reuenues, rentes, termes, tithes offerynges, emolumentes, and of all other profites, as well called spirituall as temporall, now appertenyng or belongyng, or that hereafter shall belonge to any archebisshopriche, bisshopriche, abbacie, monasterie, priorie, archedeaconrie, deaconrie, hospitall, college, house collegiate, prebende, cathedrall churche, collegiate churche, conuentuall churche, personage, vicarage, chauntrie, free chapell, or other benefice or promocion spirituall, of what name, nature, or qualitie so euer thei be, within any dioces of this realme or in wales, the said pension or annuell rent, to be verely paide for euer to our saide soueraine lorde, to his heires and successours kynges of this realme, at the feast of the Natiuitie of our lorde god, and the first paiement therof to begyn at the feaste of the Natiuitie of our lorde god, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god, M.D.xxv. And to be paide verely by suche as shall be appointed to haue the collection therof by this acte, in suche maner and fourme as shall hereafter be limitted by this acte, before the first date of Aprill verely nexte folowyng, after the saide feast of the Natiuitie of our lorde. Pension. Tenthe. Re pay[d] ten.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that the saide verely rent and pension shall be taxed, rated, leuied, perceiued, and paied to the kynges vse, his heires and successours, in maner and fourme hereafter to be declared by this acte. That is to saie, that the Chauncellour of Englande

lande for the time being, shall haue power & auctorite to directe in to euery dioces in this realme and in wales, seuerall cõmissions in the kynges name vnder his great seale, as well to the archebisshop or bisshop of euery suche dioces, as to suche other persone or personnes, as the kynges highnes shall name and appoint, commaundyng and auctorisyng the said commissioners for to be named in euery suche commission, or thre of them at the least, to enquire by all the waies and meanes that thei can by their discrecions, of and for the true and iuste, hole and entier perely values of all the manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, rentes, tithes, offerynges emolumentes, and all other profites, as well spirituall as temporall, appertenyng or belonging to any archebisshopriche bisshopriche, abbacie, monasterie, priorie, archedeaconry, deanry, hospitall, college, house collegiat, prebende, cathedrall churche, collegiate churche, conuentuall churche, personage, vicarage, chaunterie, free chapell, or to any other benefice or promocion spirituall within the limittes of their commission, with a clause to be cõtein̄ed in euery suche cõmission, that the saide commissioners, or thre of them at the least, shall deducte and alowe in the makyng and ratyng of the saide perely values of the premisses, these deductions folowyng and none other: That is to sate, the rentes resolute to the chiefe lordes, and all other annuell and perpetuall rentes and charges, which any spirituall person or persones ben bounden perely to pate to any person or personnes, to their heires or successours for euer, or to gyue perely in almes by reason of any foundacion or ordinaunce, and all fees for stewardes receiuers, baillifes, and auditours, and synodes, and profites, with an other clause to be also conteined in euery such commission, that the said commissioners, or thre of them at the least, shal certifie vnder their seales at suche daies, as shal be limitted by the said commissions, as well the hole and entiere value, as the deductions afore saide of euery archebisshopriche, bisshopriche, abbacie, monasterie, priorie, archedeconry, deanry, hospitall, college, house collegiate, prebend, cathedral church, collegiate church, conuentuall churche, personage, vicarage, chaunterie, free chapell, and of all other benefices and promocions spirituall.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the said commissioners, that shall be so appointed, or thre of them at the least, shall haue full power and auctorite to do, accomplisshe, and execute the effectes and contentes of their said commissions in euery behalfe: And that euery the said commissioners, before thei shall execute their saide commission, shall receiue and take a corporall othe before the lord Chauncellour, or before such other as shall be appointed by the saide Chauncellour, by the kynges writte of Dedimus potestatem, that thei shall diligently & truely without fauour affection fraude couyn mede drede or corruption, do fulfil & execute the hole effectes and contentes expressed in euery suche commission within the limittes therof, to their cunnyng wittes and vttermost of their powers.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted by auctorite afore saide, that after suche Certificate made by the saide commissioners, the saide perely rent and pen-

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ſion of the tenthe parte ſhall be ſette tared rated and taken iuſtly and truely and indifferently by the Treaſozer, Chauncellour, Chamberlayne, and Barons of the kynges Eſchequire, of and out of the clere yerely value of the premiſſes, that ſhall be aboue the deductions afoze mencioned, and none otherwiſe. And that euery archebiſſhopziche, biſſhopziche, abbacie, monaſterie, pziozie, archedeaconrie, deanrie, hoſpitall, college, houſe collegiate, prebende, cathedzall churche, collegiate churche, conuentuall churche, perſonage, vicarage, chauntrie, free chapell, oz other benefice oz pzomocion ſpirituall, ſhalbe ſeuerally and deſtinctly tared charged and chargeable in the pzopze dioces where thei bene, foz the paiement of ſuche pozcion of the ſaid tenthe parte, as ſhall be tared and ſette vpon them by auctozitie of this act. That is to ſaie, euery of them by and foz them ſelfes, ſhall be tared, charged, and chargeable in the pzopze dioces, where thei ben, foz the tenthe part of the yerely value of their poſſeſſions and pzofites to them belongynge, where ſo euer their ſaid poſſeſſions and pzofites ſhall happen to be oz lye in any part of this realme, oz els where, in any the kynges dominions, and that none of them ſhall be charged oz chargeable foz the paiement of the others charge oz pozcion.

¶ And it is alſo enacted by auctozitie afozeſaide, that after ſuche certificat made into the kynges Eſchequire, and tare ſette of the tenthe parte, in fozme aboue remembzed, euery archebiſſhop and biſſhop nowe beinge, and that hereafter ſhall be charged and chargeable, to leuy, collecte, & receiue within their pzopze dioces, as well in places exempte, as not exempt, all ſuche ſummes of money, wherwith the dignitees, benefices, and other pzomocions ſpirituall afoze mencioned within their dioces, chargeable by this acte, ſhall be ſette tared and charged towardes the payment of the ſaide yerely penſion, and ſhall paie and content the ſaide ſummes of money yerely, befoze the ſaid firſt date of Apzill, to the Treaſozer of the kynges chambze, foz the time being, oz to any other perſone oz perſons, whom it ſhall pleaſe the kynges highnes to appoint to receiue the ſame. And that euery of the ſaid archebiſſhops and biſſhops, their executours and adminiſtratours, and the poſſeſſions of their dignitees and churches, ſhall ſtande charged and chargeable foz the ſure and true paiment of ſuch ſummes of money, as thei ſhall collecte and receiue of the ſaide yerely rent and penſion. Archebiſſhop and biſſhop.

¶ And that the Treaſozer, Chauncellour, Chamberlain, and Barons of the kynges eſchequire, ſhall yerely cauſe pzoces to be made by their diſcrecions foz none paiement of the ſaide penſion oz yerely rent, oz any parcell therof, againſt euery archbiſſhop and biſſhop of this realme, that is to ſaie, againſt euery archebiſſhop and biſſhop, foz ſo muche parte and pozcion of the ſaide penſion and yerely rent, wherwith the dignitees, benefices, and other pzomocions ſpirituall afoze mencioned within his dioces, ſhall be tared and charged, ſo that euery of the ſaide archebiſſhops and biſſhops, ſhall be charged & chargeable foz the rate and pozcion of the ſaid yerely rent and penſion, ſette and tared within his owne peculiar dioces, and none otherwiſe.

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¶AND be it also enacted by auctoritee aforesaide, that euery archebysshop and bysshop, shall haue power and auctoritee to leuye take and perceiue by auctoritee of censures of the churche, or by distresse, or otherwise by their discrecion, all suche summes of money as shall be rated tared and set to go out of the landes tenementes hereditamentes profites and emolumentes of any dignitee, office, benefice, or other place or promocion spirituall within their dioces, towardes the paiement of the saide yerely rent and pension, and that no repleuin prohibicion nor Supersedeas vpon any excommunicacion, nor any other writte or impediment shall be sued allowed or obeied for any person or persons, making default of paiement of such part and porcion, as thei shalbe rated and tared vnto by auctoritie of this acte, till suche time as thei haue truely satisfied their said parte and porcion to them allotted of the said yerely rent and pension.

¶AND it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that when so euer and as often as any of the archebisshopriches or bisshopriches happen to be voide, that then the deane and chapiter of the cathedrall churche, or the priour and conuent, or chapiter, or conuent of the monastery or cathedrall churche, where the See of suche archebisshopriche or bisshopriche, being voide, shall happen to be, duryng the time of the vacacion therof, and their executours administratours and possessions shall be charged and chargeable to do and cause to be done all and euery thyng and thynges for the due execucions of this acte, within the dioces of suche archebisshopriche or bisshopriche being voide, as the same archebisshop or bisshop of the See being voide, shulde haue done, accordyng as it is limitted and appointed by this acte, or by any thyng therin conteined.

¶AND it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if any summe of money being ones due by any incumbent of any of the dignitees, benefices, or promocions spirituall afore especified, charged to the paiement of the saide yerely pension and annuell rent, be reasonably demaunded and required any time after the saide feaste of the Natiuitie of our lorde, at their dignities, monasteries, priories, hospitals, colleges, churches, chanteries, or houses by the archebisshop or bisshop, or suche as shalbe charged with the collection of any parte of the saide pension, or by any other their ministers seruauntes or officers, to paie suche porcion of the saide pension and yerely rent, as thei shalbe tared and assessed, be not truely content and paide vnto suche archebisshop or bisshop, or their ministers and officers, or to suche other person or persons, or their ministers, or seruauntes, as shall haue the charge of collection therof, euery yere yerely at the time of suche request and demaunde therof, or els within forty daies nexte after euery suche requeste at the furthest, that then euery incumbent, makyng suche defaute of paiement, after suche defaute therof certified into the kynges eschequire in writyng vnder the seales of any archebisshop or bisshop, or of suche as be limitted & charged to the collection of the said pension by this acte, shalbe adiuged deprriued Ipso facto, of all such dignities, benefices, pensions, and promocions

cions spiritual, as any suche incumbent makynge suche defaulte, shall haue at the time of suche certificate to be made, or at any time after. So that all suche dignities, benefices, pensions, and promocions spirituall, which any incumbente makyng suche defaulte of paiement, shall haue at the time of any suche Certificate to be made, or at any time after, shalbe clerely voide & destitute of incumbent in the lawe to all intentes and purposes, as if suche incumbent makyng suche defaulte of paiement, were deade in dede. Certificat

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted, by auctoritie aforesaide, that if any archebisshoppe or bisshop, or any other limitted and charged by this acte, to the collection and paiement of the saide pension and annuelle rente, doo make a Certificate in to the kynges eschequire, before the saide firste date of Aprill, or at any time within foure and twenty daies nerte after the saide firste date of Aprill, that thei accordyng to this acte, haue reasonably required and demaunded any incumbent of any dignitie, benefice, or promocion spirituall, chargeable by this acte to paie suche parte and porcion of the saide pension and annuell rente, as thei shall happen to be assessed vnto, and that suche incumbent, so being required, hath not paide his saide parte and porcion, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte, that then euery suche archebisshoppe and bisshoppe and euery other personne, hauyng the charge by this acte, for collection and paiement of the saide pension and annuell rente, vpon euery suche Certificate, shall be discharged and acquited for euer against the kynge, his heires, and successours, of and for all suche sommes of moneie, as any suche incumbente, against whom suche Certificate shall be made, shulde or ought to haue paide by this acte: And that then in euery suche case the Treasorer, Chauncellour, Chaunberlaine, and Barons of the kynges Eschequire, shall deuise and directe vpon euery suche Certificate, suche processe out of the kynges Eschequire, against euery suche incumbente, agaynst whom any suche Certificate, shall be made and their executours and administratours, or for insufficiencie of theim, agaynst the successours of euery suche incumbente, wherby the kynges highnes, his heires and successours shall and maie be truely aunswered paide and contented of suche porcion and parte as the incumbente, agaynst whom any suche Certificate shall be made, was tared, and assessed for his dignities, benefices, or promocions spirituall, chargeably by this acte.

¶ And it is also ordeined and enacted, by auctoritie afore saide, that all maner of acquitaunces made by the treasourer of the kynges chaumbre, or by any other suche commissioners, as shall be appointed, as is aforesaide, to receiue the saide pension, or any parte therof, and subscribed with the name of the saide Treasorer, or any other suche commissioner for the paiement of the saide pension or annuell rente, or any parte therof, to any suche personne or personnes as be limitted and charged with the collection therof, shall be of as good strengthe force vertue and effecte to the parties, hauyng the same, as if thei were made in the kynges name vnder his great Acquitaces. Annuell rent.

ſeale, & ſo ſhall be alowed, admitted, & accepted in al courtes of this realme: And that the treaſorer, chancellour, chamberlaine, and barons of the kynges Eſcheker, ſhall by vertue and auctorite of this acte, as well admit and allowe ſuche acquitances, as all ſuch Certificates as ſhall be made agaynſt any incumbent for defaute of paymente, as is aboue ſayde, vppon the accompte of euery archebiſſhop and biſſhop, and of euery other perſone limitted and charged by this acte, for the collection and payemente of the ſayde penſion and annuell rente, without any writte byll or warrante to be ſued in or for that behalfe. And that no maner of officer of the kynges Eſchequier ſhall take of any archebiſſhop or biſſhop, or of any other perſon, hauyng charge with the collection and paiemente of the ſaide penſion or annuell rent, any maner rewarde or thyng for makyng their accompte or Quietus eſt in the ſame eſchequire, or for any maner of thynge apperteinynge to the ſame concernynge the ſaide penſion and annuell rente, vppon peine of euery officer doyng contrary to this acte, to loſe and forfaite his office, and make fine to the kynge at his will and pleaſure.

Office of eſchequer.

¶ And for as muche as euery incumbent of the dignities benefices and promocions ſpirituall afore mencioned, ſhall be charged by this acte to the paiement of the .x. parte of the value of their dignities benefices and promocions ſpirituall, without any deduction or allowance of ſuche penſion or penſions, wherewith ſome of them ben charged to paie their predeceſſours, durynge their lyues, or to other perſonnes to the vſe of ſuche their predeceſſours durynge their lyues, it is therefore ordeigned and enacted by auctorite afore ſaide, that it ſhall be laufull to euery incumbente, charged with any ſuche penſion, paieable to any his predeceſſours, or to and to his vſe, to reteine and kepe in his hande the tenthe parte of euerye ſuche penſion: And that euery ſuche incumbente and his ſureties, ſhall from henſeforthe bee acquyted and diſcharged of the ſaide tenthe parte of euery ſuche penſion, by vertue and auctorite of this preſent acte, any decree ordinance or aſſignemente of any ſuche ordinarie, or any colaterall writynge or ſuertie made for ſuche penſion to any ſpirituall perſonne or perſonnes, or to any to their vſes for terme of their lyues, in any wyſe not withſtandynge. And that as well euery incumbent as ſuche perſones as ſtande bounden for hym, for payment of any ſuche penſions, ſhall pleade this acte in euery of the kynges courtes, for the clere extinguiſhmente and diſcharge of the .x. parte of euery ſuche penſion.

Incubent.

¶ AND BE IT ALSO ORDEYNED AND enacted by auctoritie afore ſayde, that no penſion ſhall hereafter bee aſſigned by the ordynarie, or by any other maner of agremente by collaterall ſuretie, or otherwiſe, vpon any reſignacion of any dignitie benefice or promocion ſpirituall, aboue the value of the thyrde parte of the dignitie, benefice, or promocion ſpirituall reſigned: And if any penſion, amountynge aboue the value of the thyrde parte of the dignitie benefice or promocion ſpirituall heretofore reſigned, be all redie limitted and made ſure to any ſpirituall perſon or per-

Reſignacion.

or personnes, by decree of the ordinarie, or other wise by any collaterall suretie, or here after shall happen to be assigned and made sure to any persone or personnes spirituall, or to any other to their vse, by decree of the ordinarie, or by any other collaterall suretie, vpon any resignacion therof, yet neuerthelesse the incumbent charged with suche pension, nor his sureties collaterall, shall not be compelled to paie any more pension than the value of the thirde parte of his dignitie, benefice, or promocion spirituall, so resigned shall mounte vnto: but shall, by auctoritie of this acte, be clerely acquited and discharged of so muche of the saide pension, as shall amounte aboue the value of the thirde parte of the dignitie or benefice resigned: any decree or assignement of the ordinarie, or any collaterall writinges or sureties heretofore made or hereafter to be had or made for the same, to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ And for as muche as diuers abbottes & priours ben charged to paie gret pensions to sondry their predecessours yet liuing, to the great decay of their hospitalities and house kepyng: Be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that euery suche predecessour of suche abbottes or priours, hauyng any pension made sure vnto them, or to any to their vse duryng their liues, amountyng aboue the yerely value of .xl. li. shall from hensforth be defalked and abated of the moitie and halfe deale of euery suche pension. And that euery abbote and all other persons charged for the paiement of suche pension, aboue the said yerely value of .xl. li. shall be clerely acquited and discharged by auctoritie of this acte of the moitie and halfedele therof for euer. Any decree or assignement therof by the ordinarie, or any writing or suretie collaterall had or made for the suretie therof notwithstandyng.

¶ And for as muche as the lorde priour of sainct Johñs of Jherusalem in Englande, and his bretherne be not specially named and expressed in this acte, wherby ambiguitie mought arise, whether thei shulde be comprised within the limittes of this acte, It is therfore for plaine declaracion therof enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that euery personne and personnes, whiche after the saide first date of Januarie, shall happen to be nominated, elected, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to the dignitie of the saide prior of sainct Johñs of Jherusalem in Englande, or to any commaundry appertainyng vnto the same, shall before their actuall and real entre into the same dignitie or commaundry, or medlynge with the profittes therof, satisfie, and paie to the vse of the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, the firste fruites and profites therof for one hole yere, or agree or compounde for the same at reasonable daies, in like maner and forme, and vpon like peine in euery behalfe, as archebisshopps and bisshoppes, and other spirituall persons ben bounde to, by vertue and auctoritie of this acte. And that also the priour of sainct Johñs nowe being, and his successours, and euery of his bretherne, hauyng any commaundry, and their successours, shall contribute, and paie yerely to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, one yerely rente and pension amounting to the tenthe part of all their

possessions and profites as well spirituall as temporall: And shall be charged, rated, tared, and set to the contribucion and paiement of the saide tenthe parte. And that also the saide tenthe parte shall be levied, collected, and paide in suche like maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as the tenthe parte of other dignities and benefices spirituall shall be charged, tared, set, levied, collected, and paied by auctorite of this acte.

Deane. Provoste.

¶ And for as muche as in sondry and many cathedrall churches, colleges, and hospitalles of this realme, there is and time out of mynde hath ben certaine ordinaunces instituted and made, wherby the Deane, Provoste, maister or other chiefe gouernour of suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles hath a certaine parte and porcion of the possessions and profites belongyng to suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles, all onely limitted and belongynge to their offices and dignities: And euery prebendarie, brother, vicare, felowe, petie canon, and other ministers spirituall in suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles, hath an other porcion, all onely and distinctely limitted, appertenyng and belongyng to their dignities and offices in suche churches, hospitalles, and colleges: It is therfore prouided and ordeined by auctorite aforesaide, that suche person and persons, whiche at any time after the saide firste date of Januarie shall be nominated, elected, presented, prefected, collated, or by other meanes appointed to be Deane, Provoste, maister, or other chiefe gouernour of suche cathedrall churches, colleges, or hospitalles, shall be rated compounde and paie for their firste fruites, but onely after the rate of the perely valewe of the possessions and profites, limitted and belongyng to their office and dignitie. And that euery other person and persons, that after the saide firste date of Januarie shall be nominated, elected, presented, prefected, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to haue any prebende, brotherhip, felosh̄ip, or to be any vicare or petie canon, or to haue any other dignitie or office spirituall in any suche cathedrall churches, colleges, or hospitalles, shall be rated compounde and paie for their firste fruites after the rate of the perely valewe of the possessions and profites limitted and belongyng to their dignities and offices in suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles, and none otherwise. Any thyng in this acte to the contrary hereof in any wise not withstandyng.

Prebende.

¶ PROVIDED alwaies, that suche person or persons, that after the saide firste date of Januarie, shall be presented and collated to any personage or vicarage, wherof the perely value shall not excede eight marckes, shall not be compelled to paie any firste fruites for any suche personage or vicarage, where vnto they shall be presented or collated, not being aboue the saide perely value of eight marckes: Excepte that the incumbente presented or collated to suche personage or vicarage, wherof the perely value shall not excede eight marckes, do liue three yeres nexte and immediately folowyng after his institucion, induction, or collacion, to suche personage or vicarage. And if suche incumbent do liue after the saide three yeres,

personage Vicarage.

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then he or his executours or administratours shall paie at daies to be ly-
mytted after the sayde yeres vpon sureties (as is aforesaid) the firste fruittes
of euery suche personage and vicarage. And that in euery obligacion to Obligacis
be made by any incumbent of suche personage or vicarage, and his suerties
for payment of the fyrste fruites of suche personage or vicarage, there shall
be conteined a prouiso, that if the saide incumbent die within .iii. yeres next
after the date of the institucion, induction, or collacion of the saide personage
or vicarage, that then the obligacion shall be voide and of none effecte. Any
thynge in this acte to the contrary hereof notwithstandyng.

¶AND OVER this where the clergie of the prouince of Caunterburye
in their conuocacion haue graunted vnto the kynges highnesse one hun-
dred thousande poundes, and the clergie of the pouince of yorke. xviii. thou-
sande, eighte hundred, fortie. li. x. d. to bee paied by euen portions in fiue
yeres, and that whiche coulde not be leuied therof in the same. v. yeres, to be
paied in ỹ sixt yere, as by the tenour of their seuerall grauntes, therof made
in theyr seuerall conuocacions, more plainely appereth: It may please the
kynges maiestie, of his excellent goodnesse, in consideracion that the said
yerely pension and annuell rente shall be yerely from henceforthe dewly payed
and satisfied to his highnesse, and to his heires and successours, accordynge
to the tenour fourme purporte and effecte of this presente acte, that it may
be enacted by auctorittie of this present parliamente, that the clergie of the
sayde prouince of Caunturbury, and euery of theim, shall be discharged and
acquited againste our saide soueraigne lorde, his heires, and successours
of and for the .xx. M. li. parcell of the saide. C. M. li. whiche shulde bee
paied in the. v. yere of payment limitted by their graunte: And that the cler-
gie of the said prouince of yorke shal likewise be discharged and acquited of
and for all suche sommes of money, parcell of the saide .xviii. M. DCCC. xl.
li. x. d. whiche shulde be paied in the. v. yere of payment limitted by theyr
graunt: any thinge in their saide seuerall grauntes therof made in any wyse
not withstandyng.

¶PROVIDED ALVVAYES, that all the residewe of sommes of mo-
ney, whiche be yet to be paied, and not released nor discharged by this acte,
shall be trewly paied and satisfied to our said soueraigne lorde, his heires or
successours, accordyng to the tenour, fourme, and effecte of theyr saide seue-
rall grauntes.

¶PROVIDED also, that all suche fees, whiche any archebyshop byshop Fees.
abbot prior or other prelate of the churche is bounden yerely to paie to any
Chauncellour, maister of the Rolles, Justices, Shiriffes, or other officers
or ministers of recorde, for temporall iustice to be done or ministred within
theyr dioces or iurisdictions, shall be allowed and deducted by the commis-
sioners afore saide, in and vpon the valuacion of the dignities monasteries
priories or churches chargeable with suche fees: Any thynge in this acte to
the contrarie hereof not withstandyng.

¶ In acte for punishment of periurie of Jurours in the lordeshyps marchers in Wales. cap. iiii.

Jurour.

Where for lacke of dylygent and sure custodye of Jurours sworne for trials of murders, felons, and accessaries of felonies and murders in wales, and the marches of the same, dyuers adherentes frendes and kynsfolkes to suche offendours haue resorted to the same iurours, and haue suborned them to acquite dyuers murderers felons and accessaries, openly and notoriously knowen, contrary to equitie and iustice: It is therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that forthwith vpon the charge gyuen to

Inquest.

any inquest hereafter to be taken & sworne before any Justiciar, Stewarde, Lieuetenaunte, or other officer within wales or the marches of the same, of for and vppon any trauerse againste the kynge, or the tryall of any recognysaunce broken, or any other forfaiture forfaited to the kynge, or of for and vppon the triall of any murderer felone or accessarye of felony or murder, one officer or other personne shall bee deputed and sworne in the presence of the sayd iusticiar or other officer for the trewe and diligent keppynge of the same iurours: And that the same officers or other personne so sworne, without the speciall commaundement of the saide iusticiar or other officer, shall not do or suffre to be ministred to the same iurours any breadde drinke or meate, fire or lighte, nor shall suffre the same Jurours to speake to any person or persones, nor the same officer or other person sworne, without the commaundement aforesaide, shall not speake to the saide iurours, but only to demaunde of theim of theyr agrement, vnto suche time as the same iurours shall haue giuen their verdite, any vsage or custome heretofore vsed to the contrary not withstandynge: And if the same officer or other persone so sworne in forme aforesaide, do not execute and accomplisshe the premisses in the othe before rehersed in euery pointe and article, than the same officer or other person so sworne shall be punished and imprisoned, and make fine and raunsome to the kynges highnesse by the discrecion of the sayde Justiciar, Stewarde, Lieutenaunte, or other officer.

Verdyt.

¶ And also be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that if the same iurours do acquite any suche felone, murderer, or accessary, vpon whose triall they shalbe charged, or gyue any vntrue verdite against the kynge, vpon the triall of any trauerse recognisaunce or other forfayture, contrary to good and pregnaunte euidence ministred to them by persones sworne before the saide Justiciar, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or other officer, or that the said iurours or any of theim do eate drynke or speake to or with any other persone or persons, then to suche as be sworne with them, or otherwise misdemeane theim selfes after they be sworne, and before they haue gyuen theyr verdite, that

Lord president and counsayll of the marches.

then the lorde presidente, and other of the counsaile of the marches for the tyme

time beyng, vpon notice or complaint therof to them made, shall not onely haue power and auctorite by this present acte to call such iurours before them, but also the same Justiciar, Stewarde, or other officer, afore whom any suche acquitall, vntrewe verdit, or misdemeanour shall happen to be made, shall haue full power and auctorite to compell suche iurours and euery of them vpon peine of inprisonment to be bounden by recognisaunce in a certayne summe of money, by theyr discrecion to be limitted, that the same iurours and euery of them shall personally appere at a certaine daie, by the same Justiciar, Stewarde, or other officer to bee limitted before the lorde president, and other of the counsaile aforesaide, for the time beynge: then and there to abide and standе to such direction and ordre, as the same counseile shall make ordeine and decree of in and vpon the same. And that the same counseile shall therupon haue auctorite and power by examinacion or otherwise, to here and determine all and euery suche cause, and shall haue like auctorite to committe euery of the same iurours to prison, or other punyshment, as shall be thought moste mete by the discrecion of the saide counseyle, or otherwise assesse or tare euery suche iurour to his syne or raunsome by the same discrecion, to be paied and leuied of theyr landes goodes and cattalles to the vse of the kynges highnes. Recognisaunce.

An acte that kepers of feries on the water of Seuerne shall not conuey in their ferie botes any maner of person goodes or cattalles after the son goynge downe, tyll the son be vp. ca. v.

For as muche as dayly diuers felonies, robberies, and murders ben many tymes committed and done in the counties of Glouc and Somerset, in the parties nerre adioynyng vnto the water, called the water of Seuerne betwene Englande and Southwales, and after suche murders and felonies done, the saide robbers felons and murderers, with the saide goodes so robbed and stolen, make their conueyaunce with the saide goodes so stolen, by night at dyuers passages or feries ouer the saide ryuer or water, as the passages of Juste, Fremclande, Pyrton, Arlyngham, Nowenham, Portsedes, Poynte, and all such other lyke passages ouer the saide ryuer into Southwales, or into the forest, called the forest of Dene, also adioynynge to the same water. And whan they be ouer the saide water, than the goodes so stolen be by dyuers priuileges there kepte, all be it the owner and owners haue trewe and perfyte knowledge therof, yet they so robbed and spoyled bee withoute remedie for to obteine their saide goodes so stolen, and so that the secrete and sodeine conueiaunce by nyght of the saide goodes ouer the sayde feries and passages dothe not onely greately encourage dyuers personnes to come out of the parties of Southwales to steale robbe and murder dyuerse persons Seuerne. Ferybotes

sons in their houses in the saide counties soyninge, vpon the saide borders of Wales, but also causeth many robberies and felonies in sondry wayes to be committed and done vpon the saide border nere adioignynge to the same ryuer, to the great domage and hurte of the kynges subiectes, inhabytyng there, onelesse some remedy therfore be prouided. It may therfore please the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same to enacte, that euery person or persons, takynge vpon hym or them to haue and kepe any of the sayde passages, or any other passages vpon Seuerne aforesaide, from henceforthe do not conuey nother carry with any maner barge, bote, or other vessell, any persone or personnes with horses, mares, oxen, kye, or any other cattall, nor no other person or persons before the tyme of the sonne ryssynge in the morynge, and after the tyme of the sonne beynge gone downe at nyghte, vpon peyne of imprisonment and fyne to sette on hym that shall so conueygh or cary ouer any of the sayde passages of the saide ryuer of Seuerne out of Englande in to Wales, or the forest of Dene, or out of Wales, or the saide forestе of Dene into Englande, onelesse the saide passangers and euery of theim haue good knowledg of suche persone and personnes, and of theyr dwellyng places, and vpon request to theim made by any person or personnes to disclose the name and the dwellynge place of euery suche person or persons, so by them conueyed ouer the saide water, to any such person or persons requirynge the same, if suite be made for and after them vpon any outrrie, hute, or fresshe suite of or for any felonie, robberie, murder, and manslaughter, committed and done from henceforthe. And that the kynges Justiciars of peace within euery the saide counties of Glouc and Somercet, at theyr quarter sessions, shall haue full power and auctoritie to call before them all suche persons, whiche hereafter shall kepe any of the saide passages, or any other ferry or passage ouer the saide water into Wales, or the saide forest, or out of Wales or the sayde forest into Englande, and to bynde them with sufficient sureties with them in recognisaunce, in suche summes of money as it shall seme to the discretion of the saide Justiciars of peace, that they and euery of them beynge passangers and kepers of ferries and passages, as is aforesaide, from henceforth shall not after the said times beforelimitted and appoynted, conueie or cary, or cause to be conueied or caried any maner of person or personnes, or any kynde of cattall, but suche persones as they do knowe and wyll answere for, and knowe where theyr abydynges, dwellynges, and habytacions be, and vpon requeste made to them or any of them, as is aboue saide, shall from tyme to tyme disclose, as well the same person or persons, as the goodes and cattalles so passyng the saide passages vpon fresshe suite made or hereafter to be made vpon any felonie, murder, or robberie committed and done in the borders of the counties aforesaide, or in any other place within this realme, or Southwales.

Passage.

Forest of Deane.

Justices of peace.

Ferries.

In acte

¶ An acte that murders and felonies done or committed within any lordeship marcher in wales shall be enquired of, at the sessions holden within the shire groundes next adioyning, with many good orders for mainteinaunce of Justice there to be had. Cap. vi.

FOr as muche as the people of wales, and the marches of the same, not dredyng the good and holsome lawes and statutes of this realme, haue of long time vsed and perseuered in perpetracion and commission of diuers & manyfolde theftes, murders, rebellions, wilfull burnyng of houses, & other felonous dedes & abhominable malefactis, to the high displeasure of god, inquietacion of the kynges well disposed subiectes, and diminuacion of the publike weale, which malefactis & felonous dedes be so rooted & fixed in the same people, that thei be not like to ceasse, onelesse some sharpe correccion and punisshement for redresse and amputacion of the premisses be prouided, according to the demerites of the offendours. Be it therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraine lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all and singular person and persons dwellyng or resyaunte within Wales, or in the lordshippes marchers of the same, from time to time and at all times hereafter, vpon suche monicion or warnyng giuen for the court to be kepte in Wales, or in any of the lordshippes marches aforesaide as before this time hath ben vsed, shall personally repaire, resorte, and appere before the Justice, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or other officer at all and euery sessions, court and courtes to be holden before the same Justice, Stewarde, or other officer in any what so euer castell, fortresse, or other place within wales, or within the precinct limittes and iurisdictions of euery of the lordeships marchers or seignories aforesaid, or the marches of the same, as by the saide Justice, Stewarde, or other officer shall be appointed: And than and there shall giue his or their personall attendaunce, to do, execute, and accomplishe all and euery thyng and thynges, whiche to hym or them shall affere and appertaine, vpon peine of suche fines for faitures and amerciamentes, as shall be affered, assessed, and taxed by the Justice, Stewarde, or other officer to the kynges vse, if it be within any of the kynges lordshippes marchers. And if it be within any other lordshippes marches, then to the vse of the lorde of the saide lordeship marcher, for the time being: The saide forfaitures and amerciamentes to be leuied perceiued and taken by waie of distresse of the goodes & catalles of euery person not appering at the saide court or courtes, or not doyng, executyng, or accomplishyng his dutie, as is aboue saide.

Wales.

Lordship Marches.

¶ And for as muche as the officers in the lordshippes marchers in Wales, haue ofte and sundry times heretofore vnlawfully exacted the kynges subiectes within suche lordeshippes, where they haue had rule or auctorite, by

by many and sundrie waies and meanes, and also cōmitted them to streight duresse and imprisonement, for small and lighte fained causes, and extorciously compelled them therby to paie vnto them fines for their redempciōs, contrary to the lawe. Therfore be it further enacted, that if any Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or any other officer of any lordeship marcher, do faine, procure or imagyn any vntrue surmise against any personne or persones, that shall so giue their personall attendaunce before them at suche court or courtes, and vpon the same vntrue surmise committe them to any duresse or imprisonement, contrarie to the lawe, or contrarie to the true and laudable custome of that lordeshippe: that then vpon suite made vnto the kynges commissioners or counseile of the marches, for the time being, by any suche person or persons so imprisoned, or by any of their frendes, that then the same commissioners or counseile, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to sende for suche Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or officer, and also for the person or persons so imprisoned. And if the same person or persons so imprisoned, can euidently proue before the saide counseile, by good and substanciall witnes, or otherwise, that his imprisonment was vpon any feined surmise, without cause reasonable or lawfull, that then the same commissioners shall haue full power and auctoritie to assesse the saide officer to paie to the saide person or persons wrongfully imprisoned. vi. s. viii. d. for euery daie of their imprisonment, or more, by the discrecions of the saide commissioners, accordyng to the hurtes and behauoure of the personne or persons imprisoned.

Duresse.

And that the same commissioners shall set further fine vpon the saide officer to be paide to the kynges vse, as by their discrecions shall be thought conuenient. And in case the same officers do refuse to appere before the same cōmissioners incontinent after any commaundement to them directed and deliuered, after any suche complainte made to the same commissioners, that then the same commissioners shal haue ful power and auctoritie vpon euery defaulte made by any officer or officers, to assesse and sette vpon euery suche officer or officers makyng defaulte, suche fine or fines, to be leuied to the kynges vse, as by their discrecions shall be thoughte conuenient. And that the same commissioners shall haue full power and auctoritie to compell the said officer or officers by waie of imprisonment, as well to paie suche fine as shal be set and taxed vpon them to the kynges vse, as to paie vnto euery person or persons so imprisoned suche summes of money, as thei shall be cessed to paie for their wronge imprisonment.

Cōmissioners of the marches.

¶ And also be it enacted by auctoritie afore saide, that no person or persons dwellyng or reslaunt within wales or the lordeshippes marchers of the same, of what estate degree or condicion so euer he or thei be of, commyng, resortyng, or repairyng vnto any sessions or courte, to be holden within wales, or any lordeshippes marches of the same, shall bryng or beare, or cause to be brought or borne to the same sessions or courte, or to any place within the distaunce of two miles from the same sessions or courte, nor to any towne, churche, faire, market, or other congregacion, excepte it be vpon

Sessions.

a hute

a hute, or outcrie, made of any felonie, robberie done or perpetrated, nor in the high waies in affray of the kynges peace, or the kynges liege people, any bill, longe bowe, crosbowe, handgon, swerde, staffe, dagger, halberde, morespike, speare, or any other maner of weapon, preuie coote, or armoure defensiue, vpon peine of forfaiture of the same weapon, priuie coote, or armour, and to suffre imprisonment, and make fine and raunsome to the kynges highnes by the discrecion of the kynges commissioners of his marches for the time being, excepte it be by the commaundement licence or assent of the saide Justices Stewarde or other officer, or of the cōmissioners or counsell of the marches for the time being. And that no person nor persons from henseforthe, without licence of the saide commissioners in writyng, shall within wales or marches of the same, or in any shires adioynyng to the same, require procure gather or leuie any Commorthe, Bydalle, tenauntes ale, or other collection or exaction of goodes cattalles money, or any other thyng, vnder coloure of marienge or sufferinge of their childred saying or singynge their firste masses or gospelles of any priestes or clerkes, or for redempcion of any murder or any other felonie, or for any other maner of cause, by what name or names so euer thei shall be called, nor shall make or procure to be made, any games of ronnynge, wrestelynge, leapynge, or any other games, the game of shotynge onely excepted and forprised, vpon peine of one hole yeres imprisonment of euery persone or persones, as shall gather or procure to be gathered, any suche collection or exaction, or shall make or procure to be made any games, as is afore saide. And further thei and euery of them shall make suche fine, as by the discrecion of the kynges commissioners of his marches, shall be thoughte conuenient. And further the saide commissioners, by this present acte, shall haue power and auctoritie, to here and determine the saide offences by their examinacion. And that no personne or personnes, shall hereafter at any time caste any thyng in to any courte within wales, or in the lordeshippes marchers of the same, by the meane or name of an Arthel, by reason wherof the courte maie be letted, distourbed, or discontinued for that time, vpon peine of one hole yeres imprisonment of any suche person or persons, as shall cast or cause to be cast any suche Arthell in to any court or courtes hereafter to be holden within wales or the lordships marches of the same. Any custome before this time vsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Weepon. Armour.

Cōmorth, &c. in wales.

Games.

Arthell.

¶ And that all sessions and courtes hereafter to be holden within wales, or the lordeshippes marches of the same, shall be kepte within the most surest and peasible place within the same lordeshippe marcher, where the saide Justice Stewarde or other officer shall appointe, and for the punishement and spedy trials as well of the counterfeiters of any coyne currant within this realme, wesshinge, clippinge, or minishinge of the same, as of all and singuler felonies, murthers, wilfull burnynge of houses, manslaughters, robberies, burgularies, rapes, and accessaries of the same, and other offences, feloniously done perpetrated and cōmitted, or hereafter to be done, perpetra-

petrated & committed within any lordship marcher of wales: Be it enacted
Justices of Gaole deliuerie & of peace. by the auctorite aforesaide, that the Justices of the Gaole deliuerie, and of the peace and euery of them, for the time being in the shire or shires of Englande, where the kinges writte runneth, nexte adioynyng to the same lordship marcher, or other place in wales, where suche counterfaityng, washing, clipping, or minisshing of any coyne currant within this realme, or murther hath ben or hereafter shal be committed or done, or where any other felonies or accessaries shalbe hereafter committed perpetrated or done, shall haue from henseforth full power and auctorite, at their sessions and Gaole deliuerie, to enquire by verdicte of twelue men of the same shire or shires, nexte adioynyng within Englande, where the kynges writte runneth, there to cause all suche counterfaitours, washers, clippers of money, felons, murderers, and accessaries to the same, to be indited according to the lawes of this lande, in like maner and fourme, as if the same petie treasons, murders, felonies, and accessaries to the same, had ben don committed or perpetrated within any of the saide shires, within the saide realme: and also to here determine and iudge the same, according to the lawes of the realme.
And that all forreine pleas, pleaded by any of the saide malefactours, and offendours, shall be tried and determined in the saide shire or shires: and that the acquitall or fine making for any of the causes afore saide, in any of the
Barre. lordshippes marches, shall be no barre for any persone or personnes being indicted in the saide shire or shires, within two yeres nexte after any suche murder or felonie done.
Justices of peace. ¶ And further it is enacted, that the saide Justices of peace and Gaole deliuerie, and euery of them, shall haue full power and auctorite to awarde all maner of proces, as well of outlawry as otherwise, against all and euery suche offendour and offendours, so indited in maner and fourme and accordyng to the customes and lawes vsed and accustomed within this realme
Outlawrie. of Englande. And that the saide Justices, or two of them, afore whom any suche offender shall happen to be outlawed or attainted by outlagarie, shall immediately vpon the same vtlagarie or atteinder, directe and sende vnto the kynges officers of his lordshippes marchers, or to their deputies, or vnto the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordeshippe marcher, or to his or their officer or officers, or to their deputies, wherin suche offence murder or felonie shall happen to be done, or where any suche offendour, murderer, or felone, shall happen to be respaunte, a Certificate vnder the seales of them, or two of them, of any suche outlagarie or atteinder, commaundyng them and euery of them by the same, vnder peine of forfaiture of a hundred pound to the king, to be leuied & perceiued, as well of the goodes cattalles landes and tenementes of the same lorde or lordes marchers, as of the goode and cattals land and tenementes of the kynges officer there, to apprehende and attache, or cause to be apprehended and attached the bodie or bodies of the same offendour or offendours, so outlawed or atteinted, and sauely to kepe or cause to be kepte the same offendour or offendours, till suche conuenient

time

tyme before the nexte sessions of the kynges Justices of his gaole delyuerie, of the shire, where such offendour or offendours shall happen to be outlawed or atteinted, as to the kynges officers of his lordeshippes marchers, or to their deputies, or vnto the lorde marcher or lordes marchers of the same lordeshippe marcher, or to his or their officer or officers, or their deputies, where suche offendour or offendours shall be apprehended attached deteyned and kepte, shall be thoughte expediente for the conueyaunce and conductynge of the same offendour or offendours, in maner and fourme folowynge to be delyuered from the kynges officers or theyr deputies, or the lorde marcher or the lordes marchers, or his or theyr officer or officers, to other persons assigned by this acte to receyue and conuey suche offendour or offendours, by indenture to be made betwene the deliuerour or deliuerours, and the receiuour or the receyuours: That is to saie, that the kynges officers of his lordeshyp marcher or their deputies, or the lorde or lordes marchers of the lordeshyp marcher, or his or theyr officer or officers, or theyr deputies, where such offendour or offendours shall be apprehended attached deteined and kepte, shall saufely and surely conducte and conuey, or cause to be conducted and conueied the same offendour or offendours, to the nexte lordeshippe marcher towarde the shire, where the same offendour or offendours shall happen to be outlawed or atteinted. And that the kynges officers of the same lordeshippe marcher or their deputies, or the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordeshippe marcher, or his or their officer or officers, or their deputies, shall receiue and saufely and surely conducte and conuey the same offendour or offendours to the nexte lordeshippe marcher. And so the kynges officers of euery lordeshippe marcher, or their deputies, or the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordeshippe, or his or their officer or officers or theyr deputies, to receiue conducte and conney saufely and surely euery suche offendour or offendours from one lordeshippe marcher to an other lordeshyp marcher, by endenture, as is afore saide, vnto the tyme that suche offendour or offendours shalbe saufely delyuered before the saide iustices of the gaole delyuery, vpon peine of forfaiture by euery of the kynges officer or lorde marcher, by whose defaute the same offendour or offendours shall ne maie not appere before the same iustices at theyr sayde sessions there to stande and abyde the order of the kynges lawes. C. li. to be leuied and perceiued of the goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes of the same officer or lorde to the kynges vse. And that all & euery officer and officers, lorde and lordes, or other persones, to whom any certificat shall be directed, as is aboue sayde, shall at the nexte sessions and Gaole delyuery, to be holden after the prehension or attachement of suche offendour or offendours, returne the same certificat in dewe fourme, and what he or they haue done in that behalfe vpon the peyne aforesaide. Prouynge alway to all and euery offendour and offendours, all and singular trauerses, chalenges, exceptions, aduantages, and all other pleas to or and vpon the outlaury pronounced or promoulged againste the same offendour or offendours, in ma- Certificat

ner and fourme as is and hath be vſed and accuſtomed by the lawes of this realme for any the kynges ſubiectes dwellynge within the ſame realme.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaide, that if any perſon or perſons, whiche ſhall happen hereafter to be indited outlawed arrayned conuicted or atteinted by force of this acte, do fynde ſuche ſufficient ſureties before the kynges Juſtices of his gaole delyuerie, as by theyr diſcrecion ſhall be thought conuenient, that the ſame perſon or perſons ſhall not from thensforthe commytte nor do any felonie murder or felonious offence, nor be acceſſarie to any felonie murder or felonious offence, but at all tymes from thensforthe ſhall be of good behauour againſte the kynge our ſouerayngne lorde, his heires and ſucceſſours, his and their lawes, and ſubiectes, that then the ſame Juſtices of gaole delyuerie for the tyme beynge, with and by thaſſent conſent and agrement of the lorde preſident, and two of the kynges commiſſioners or counſayle of the marches for the tyme being, or three of them at the leaſte, wherof the lorde preſidente, or one of the ſayde counſayle to be one, ſhall and may by theyr diſcrecion for one tyme onely, admitte any ſuche offendour to a certaine fyne or ſumme of money on hym by them to be aſſeſſed and tared, to be ſurely paide to the kynges vſe, and ſhall haue full power and auctoritie by this preſent act to diſcharge any ſuche offendour or offendours, ſo arrained outlawed conuicted and atteinted of all and euery ſuch felonie murder or felonious offence and acceſſaries of the ſame, and of all executions and punyſhementes of death, whiche the ſame offendour or offendours ſhuld ſuffre by the common lawes of this realme: ſo that the ſame offendour or offendours ſtande not appeled of the ſaide felonie murder or felonious offence, or acceſſarie of the ſame offences, at the tyme of his ſaid diſcharge. And that euery ſuch offendour ſo diſcharged, as is aboue ſaide, ſhall bee for the ſame offence or offences done within any of the kynges lordeſhips marchers, or any other lordeſhips marchers, diſcharged as well againſt the kynges highnes, his heires or ſucceſſours, as againſte all other lordes marchers for one tyme onely.

Surcties.

¶ Prouided alwaie, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaide, that this preſent acte, or any thynge therin conteined, ſhall not extende ne take place to abridge depryue or mynorate any liberties priuilege or auctoritie of any lorde marcher, heretofore graunted to the ſame lorde, or laufully vſed or accuſtomed by the ſaide lorde, or any of his auncetours, oneles the foreſaid offendours happen to be indited outlawed arrained conuicted or atteinted by force of this acte, as is aboueſaide, within two yeres nexte after ſuche murther or other felonious offence perpetrated done or commited within the ſaid lordeſhippes marchers or any of them: Any thinge in this preſent acte before reherſed to the contrary not withſtandynge.

¶ And further more be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaide, that all murthers robberies folonies and acceſſaries of the ſame, whiche ſhall happen hereafter to be done perpetrated or committed within the ſhyre of Meronythe in Wales, ſhall and maie be from henſeforthe enquired herde and determined

termined in the counties of Carneruan or Anglesee, before the kinges Justices of northe wales, or his deputie for the time being, by verdicte or inquest to be taken by the inhabitauntes of the same shires of Carneruan and Anglesee, or other wise, if by the discreciō of the Justice there or his deputie, shal be thought conuenient. And that the same Justice or his deputie, for the time being shall haue full power and auctoritie by his discrecion, by force of this present act, to here and determine all and euery the foresaid murders, felonies, robberies, and accessaries, in fourme aforesaide.

Justices of northe wales.

¶ And where heretofore vpon diuers murders, robberies, and felonies perpetrated and done, as well within the lordeshippes marchers of wales, as in other places of wales without the same lordshippes, the offenders diuers times flee and escape from the same lordeship or other place, where suche offence was committed, and haue repaired and resorted into an other lordeship marcher, and there by the aide comforte and fauour of the saide lorde of the same lordeshippe or his officer or officers, haue ben abiding and resiaunte, in to the whiche lordeshippes the same lordes marchers haue and do pretende a custome and priuilege, that none of the kynges ministers or subiectes maie entre, to pursue apprehende and attache any suche offendour, thetvnto repaired, as is aforesaide, by reason wherof the same offendours went vnpunished, to the animacion and encouragyng of other euill disposed people. It is therfore enacted by the auctoritie aboutsaide, that euery officer and officers, and their deputies, vpon commaundement giuen by the commissioners or conusaile of the marches for the time being, shall bring sende or deliuer euery suche offendour to the officer of the lordeshippe marcher, or other place, where any suche offence is or shall be committed or done, vpon the meres and bondes of the saide lordeshippes, or to the said commissioners or counsaile, accordyng as the saide officers by theim shall be commaunded vnder peine of. xl. poundes, the same commaundement or commission to be directed to any suche officer to be sende conueied and deliuered by a sergeant at armes, or a purseuaunt, attendant on the saide counsell in the marches, for the time being.

¶ An acte for amendyng of high waies in Sussex. Cap. vii.

Where it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament heretofore holden at Londen, the. xv. daie of Aprill, in the. xiiii. yere of the kynges moste noble regne, and from thens adiourned to westminster the laste daie of July, the. xv. yere of his reigne, and ther holden: in consideration that many comen waies in the welde of Kent be so depe & noyous by wearing & cours of water and other occasiōs, that people can not haue their passages & cariages by horses vpō or by the same, but to their great peines perils and ieopardy, that if any person or persons from

Welde of Kent.

that time in any place within the saide welde of the saide countie, of his good mynde and disposicion without any value of good by hym or by them to be receiued for the same, will for the comen wele of the kyngis people assigne and lay out a more commodious waie in and ouer the landes thervnto adioynyng, wherof the person or persons, or other to his vse shall be seased of fee in estate of inheritaunce, that the same newe waie so to be assigned and laied out, by ouersighte and assent of two Justices of the peace of the saide countie, and. xii. other discrete men within the same hundreth inhabityng, where any suche newe way shalbe limitted & laied out, or inhabiting within the same hundred and other hundredes to the said hundreth next adioinyng, shalbe from thenseforth holden occupied and vsed in like maner as the saide olde way there nowe is or before hath ben. And that also the same person or persons so disposed, willing and accomplishing, shall and maie for the saide newe way so assigned and vsed, receiue and hold in wey of recompense for the same newe way so to be giuen, the sole and ground of the olde way in seueraltie, to them their heires and assignes, to their owne vse and profite for euer, without any comen way or passage there from thenseforth to be had or claimed, any prescripcion or vse to the contrary not withstanding, in like maner and forme as is limitted by the said act of a certain newe way granted by the same acte to be made by George Guilford squier at Hempsted in the saide welde of Kent. And that the said two Justices of peace, and. xii. other discrete men, by whose ouer sight & assent, the said new way by vertue of the said act, shalbe assigned limitted & laid out, shal within. iii. monethes next after thassignement limitacion & leyeng out of the same, make certificat into the kynges most honorable court of chauncery vnder their seales of the length and brede of the said newe way or strete, and of other thinges adioyning or concerning the same, as by their discreciōs shalbe thought most expedient or requisite for the comē welth of that contrei to be certified, and that certificat to be made from time to time, as ofte as any suche new way or strete shalbe assigned limitted and laide out in fourme aboue written.

Justice of peace.

Waies.

¶ Prouided alwaie, that if any person or persons, or body politike, haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shall haue any church waie, or other what so euer waie or passage, ouer or throughe any maner landes adioyning to any of the said old waies or stretes, which shalbe taken & vsed by force of that act as seuerall soile & frehold, in recōpence for any new way to be made & laide out in forme aforesaid, or haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shall haue any lādes or tenemētes adioyning to the old way, thei & euery of thē, their heires & successours maie haue and vse their said way or waies out of & in the said newe way ouer and through the lande of the said old wey or strete, into or ouer the said landes or tenementes adioining to the same, and so to passe and repasse, as shall appertaine, ouer the same old way, at suche conuenient place or places therof, as therfore shalbe limitted and assigned by the said. ii. Justices of peace and other. xii. men, and by them to be certified in the chancery, among other thinges by thē to be certified in forme aforesaide, any thing in the said

acte

act aboue writtē not withstanding, as by the same act manifestly appereth.

¶ And for as muche as in many places within the countie of Suſſex lyke act for the alteracion of common waies & stretes there beyng much annoious is much necessarie and expedient for the common welthe and commoditie of the kynges subiectes of the saide countie of Suſſex to be had and made. In consideracion wherof be it ordeigned & enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorittie of the same, that the said acte aboue rehersed and recited, shall and maie from hensforth extende take effecte and be put in execucion in euery place conuenient or necessarie within the saide countie of Suſſex, where waies and stretes be noyous to the kinges sayde subiectes of the same countie of Suſſex in like forme & maner, & in all pointes and condicions, and with lyke prouiso to be had don & executed, as it is conteined & expressed in the aboue recited act concernyng the chaunge of the waies and stretes in the said countie of Kent, any prescripcion vse custome or other thynge to the contrary beyng in any wise notwithstandinge.

Suſſex.

Stretes.

In acte for reedifiynge of voide groundes in the citie of Norwiche. ca. viii.

Where by infortunate chaunce of fire a great nombre of houses of habitacion within the citie of Norwiche, about .xxvi. yeres past, were burned and vtterly consumed, to the great heuines discomforte, losse and hinderance of the inhabitauntes of the same citie. By reason of whiche bournynge diuers and many voide groundes, wherupon before the same fire, good and substanciall houses of habitacion were standynge remaynynge nowe at this daie vnreedified, and not onely vnreedified, but also to lie as desolate and vacant groūdes many of them nigh adioynyng to the high stretes, replenisshed with muche vnclennes and filthe, to the great annusance of the said inhabitantes, & other the kynges subiectes passyng by the same: and to thentent that a reformaciō may be had in that behalfe, Be it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, & the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctorittie of the same, that if the owner or owners of such vacant ground or groūdes, so lying within the precinct of the said citie, within two yeres nexte after proclamacion made by the cōmandemēt of the Maire of the said citie for the time being, within and vpon suche vacant grounde or groundes, of the tenour and effecte of this present acte, do not sufficiently reedifie, or elles with walles of mortar and stone sufficiently inclose the same vacant grounde or groundes, wherupon suche proclamacion shalbe made, that than it shall be lefull to the Mayre Shiriffes citezens and commmaltie of the same citee & theyr successours for the tyme beyng, immediately after the sayde two yeres expired, to entre into euery suche grounde and groundes so vacant as is aforesayde, wherupon suche proclamacion, as is before remembred, shalbe so made, and the same grounde & groundes

Norwiche

Vacant or voide groundes.

to holde and retayne without interrupcion to them and their successours for euer, clerely discharged of al rentes, as well against the lordes of fees therof as of all other, so that alwaies the same mayre shiriffes citezens and comminaltie or their successours, do well & sufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of morter and stone, as is aforesaid, sufficiently do inclose the same grounde and groundes, wherin they shall so entre, within two yeres next after suche entre by them so to be made, as is aforesaid. And in case the same maire shiresse citezens and comminaltie, or their successours, do not sufficiently reedifie or inclose, or cause to be reedified or inclosed the same grounde and groundes, in fourme aforesaid within the same terme of two yeres nexte after they shall so entre into the same, that then it shal be lefull to the said first owner & owners of all suche ground and groundes, their heires or successours immediatly after the same thre yeres so expired, to reentre into the same grounde and groundes, and the same to reteine and enioy agein to them, their heires and successours, as in their former estate and interesse: any thynge in this act conteined to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that if the owners of suche vacant grounde or groundes, specified in this acte, do not repayre and amend the same, accordynge to the tenour of this acte, within two yeres lymitted by this acte: that then it shall be lefull to the chiefe lordes, of whom suche vacant groundes ben or shalbe holden, to entre and to haue the same groundes to them their heires & successours for euer, so that euery such chiefe lorde do repaire and amende the said vacant groundes accordyng to the tenour and effect of this act within one yere next after that such chiefe lorde maie entre by auctorite of this acte. And if such chiefe lorde, as maie entre by this acte, do not repayre and amende the same vacant groundes within one yere next after they maie entre by this acte: that then for euery suche defaute the maire shiresse citezens and comminaltie shall laufully entre into the said groundes, accordynge to the tenour forme effect and condicion aboue expressed in this acte: any thing in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstandynge.

¶ An acte for reedifiynge of boyde groundes within the towne of Lynne. Cap. ix.

Lynne.

HUmbly beseecheth your good & gracious highnes your obedient subiectes, the maire & burgeses of ȳ towne of Lyn bysshop, in your countie of Norfolke, that where at this presente time diuers & many mesuages & tenemētes of olde time buylded within the saide towne are & by a longe time haue ben in great decay & desolacion, wherby the flud and rage of the sea compynge to the sayd towne, and insurgyng vppon suche decaied tenementes in times of tempeste, doth freat and meruaylously weare in dyuers places of the saide towne, to the great hurte and damage as well of the saide towne as of dyuers persones hauynge groundes adioynynge to suche places so

Decaied grounds.

ces so in decaie, and that the owners of suche decaied groundes wyll not reedifie and maynteine the saide mesusages and tenementes so decaied for the maintenaunce and defence of the water and rage of the sea, wherby the said towne is like to fall in more decaie ruine & desolacion, if remedie therfore be not prouided. In consideracion wherof it may please your highnes, that it may be enacted by your maiestie, by the assentes of the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that if the owner or owners of suche messuages and tenementes so decaied, set lyinge or beynge within the precincte of the saide towne, within one yere nexte after proclamacion made by the cōmaundement of the mayre of the said towne for the tyme beinge, within and vpon such decaied messuages or tenementes, do not sufficiently reedifie, or elles with walles of morter and stone sufficiently enclose the same messuages and tenementes & groundes to them belongynge, so beynge in decaie, for defence of the rage of the water: that then it shall be lefull to the chiefe lordes, of whom suche messuages or tenementes so decaied shalbe holden, to enter into the said messuages and tenementes so decaied, and the same holde haue and reteine to them and their heires for euer: so that euery such lorde, which shall enter into any messuages or tenementes so decaied, by auctoritie of this acte, do sufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of morter and stone sufficiently inclose the saide messuages & tenementes so decaied in fourme as is aboue saide within one yere nexte after that such chiefe lord may enter into the same by auctoritie of this acte. And if such chiefe lorde, whiche may enter by auctoritie of this acte into the said messuages or tenementes decaied, do not reedifie the saide messuages & tenementes decaied, or els with walles of morter & stone sufficiently inclose the same, in fourme as is afore saide, within one yere nexte after such chiefe lorde mought enter into the same by auctoritie of this acte: that then it shalbe laufull to the maire & cōminaltie of the saide towne for euery suche defaulte to enter into any suche messuages or tenementes so decaied, and the same to haue and reteine to them and their successours for euer, without interrupcion to them and their successours for euer, clerely discharged of al rentes, as well against the lordes of fees therof as of all other. So that alwaies the same mayre & cōminaltie, or their successours do well and sufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of morter and stone, as is afore said, sufficiently do inclose the same messuages and tenementes or groundes appertenyng to the same, wherin they shall so enter by auctoritie of this act within two yeres nexte after such entre by thē so to be made, as is afore saide, & in case the same mayre & comminaltie, or their successours, do not sufficiently reedifie or inclose, or cause to be reedified or inclosed the same messuages & tenementes or groundes to the same belongyng, in fourme afore said, within the same terme of two yeres next after they shall so enter into the same: that then it shall be lefull to the said firste owner & owners of all suche messuages tenementes & groūdes, their heires or successours, immediatly after the same two yeres so expired, to enter into the same messuages tenemētes & groundes,

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and the same to reteyne and enioy agayne to theim, their heires and successours, as in their former estate and interest. Any thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstadyng.

¶ In acte whereby the kynges highnes hath auctorite to repell the statute made for restreint of wynes to come in afore Candelmas.ca.r.

Wynes of Gascoyne or Guio.

WHere in the session of this presente parliamente holden at westminster in the .xv. daie of January, in the .xxviii. yere of the kynges moste noble reigne, it was enacted by auctoritie of the same parlyament, that no maner of person or persons shoulde discharge and lay on lande out of any shippe or shippes, or other vessell or vessels, any wynes of Gascoyne or Guion or any maner of frenche wynes, at any hauen porte creeke or other place within this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, or the marches of the same, at any time from thensefor the betwene the feastes of saint Michel tharchangell, and the Purification of our lady, vpon peine of forfaiture of the same wynes so brought and discharged and layde on lande at any tyme hereafter betwene the saide feastes contrary to the saide acte: The one halfe of whiche forfaiture to be to the kynge our soueraine lorde, and the other halfe therof to suche of the kynges subiectes, as shall seaze or sue for the same, by action of detinue or dette after the rate of the value therof, by originall writte bill playnte or informacion, in any of the kynges courtes: in whiche actions and suites the defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoine shall be allowed, as amonge other thinges in the saide acte specified euidently appereth. For as

Leagues.

muche as suche leages and amities as ben concluded and had betwene the kynges maiestie and other foreyne kynges and princes, for the weale and tranquilitie of theyr realmes countreies and people, moughte parcase be impeched interrupted or derogated, contrary to the pactes and agrementes therin conteined, as well by occasions of the saide article conteyned in the said act, as by occasion of sondry other like actes heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, wherby the commoditie and marchandise of this realme, and of other the kynges dominions bene restreyned to be conueyed in to any outwarde parties, foreyne realmes, or countreies of other princes beinge in leage and amitie with the kynges highnes, or the commodities and marchaundises of suche outwarde parties, foreyn realmes, and countreies be restreined to be brought and conueighed in to this realme, or elles where within the kynges dominions to be vttered solde and vsed as freely as of olde tyme hath bene accustomed. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the kynge our soueraigne lorde shall du-

Proclamation.

rynge his life naturall, haue full power and auctoritie by his proclamacions, to be conteyned in letters patentes vnder his great seale, and enrolled in his courte of chaunserie, from tyme to tyme to repell and make voide

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as well the said article contened and specified in the said act made for to restraine the bryngyng in of wines afore the feaste of the Purification of our lady, as all other suche actes and statutes in parte or in the hole, which hath ben made sith the beginning of this present parliament for the restreint or lette of any commodities of this realme, or of other the kinges dominions to be conueied and brered to and in any outwarde parties, realmes, or countreis, or for restreinte and let of any commodities or marchandise of outwarde parties, realmes or countreis to be conueied brought and brered to or in this realme, or els where within the kynges dominions: And by his proclamacions from time to time, shall haue power and auctorite to reuyue and make effectuall the said statutes and actes againe in their fore strength and effecte in all or suche parte therof, as to his maieslie shall be thought most conuenient and profitable for his realme. And that euery such repeale abrogacion & makyng voide of any such statutes or actes, in parte or in the hole: and euery suche reuiuing or makyng effectuall of them againe in parte or in the hole by proclamacions vnder the great seale to be made and enrolled in the kynges chaunceric, as is aforesaide, shall be of the same qualitie force strength condicion and effecte to all intentes and purposes, as if it had ben done with due circumstances by auctorite of parliament, any thing or thinges contened in any suche actes, or any vsage or custome of this realme to the contrary hereof notwithstandyng.

Repeale of actes.

Reuyuing of actes.

¶ An acte for punishement of welshemen attemptyng any assautes or affraies vpon any inhabitauntes of Heref. Glouc. and Shropshire. Ca. xii.

wales and marches of the same.

For as muche as in times past diuerse and sondrie the kynge our soueraign lordes subiectes, inhabited as well in wales as in the marches of the same, haue heretofore vsed at sondrie times, when lawfull proceile hath ben attempted agaynst them, or agaynst their kynsemen, or frendes, for sondrie, robberies, murders, or felonies by them committed, or for any suites or proceile of the lawe pursued or sued agaynst any persone or persones inhabityng or dwellyng within wales, or the marches of the same, within the counties of Glouceter, Salop, and Herforde, haue layen in awaite, and sodainly of prepensed malice, haue not onely mette with the pursuers of the said suites in the said counties, and in places nere adioinyng to the same, but also haue beaten, mayhimed grieuously wounded, and sometimes murdered diuerse of the same pursuers, for the only attempting and pursuyng of suche felons, whereby hath insued no litle violacion and disturbaunce of the kynges peace, to the greate disquietinge of all the saide parties, and to the right perilous example of all others like offendours. Be it therfore ordeined established and enacted by the kynges saide highnes, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and

and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any maner person or persons inhabited or dwellyng in Wales, or in the marches of the same, at any time hereafter vpon any prepensed malice, shall presume to assaute beate hurt wounde or mathim any other the kynges subiectes of the said counties, that then he or thei so attempting, what so euer thei be, being indicted and conuicted therof, shall suffre imprisonment without redempcion for the space of one hole yere, in suche prison or prisons as vnto the Justices, before whom he or thei shall be conuicted, shalbe thought conuenient, with suche further peine and punishement, as he or thei shuld haue had, if this acte had neuer ben had or made. This acte to endure vnto the last daie of the nexte parliament.

Malice prepēsed.

¶ An acte for purgacion of conuictes in Wales. Cap. xii.

Where at the parliament sommoned and holden at London, the thirde daie of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our soueraine lord king Henry the. viii. and from thens adiourned vnto westminster in the countie of Middelsex, and after diuers prorogacions, there also holden the. xv. daie of Januarie, the. xxiii. yere of the reigne of our soueraine lorde kynge Henry the. viii. It was enacted among other, that no person nor persons, whiche from thenseforth shulde happen to be found giltie after the lawes of this lande, for any maner of petie treason, or for any wilfull murder of malice prepensed, or for robbyng of any churches, chapelles, or other holy places, or for robbynge of any personne or persons in their dwelling houses, or dwelling place, the owner or dweller in the same house, his wife, his children, or seruauntes then being within, & put in feare and drede by the same, or for robbyng of any person or persons, in or nere about the high waies or for wilfull burnyng of any dwellyng houses or barnes, wherin any graine of cornes shuld happen to be: nor any persone or persons being found giltie of any abbettement, procurement, helping, mainteinyng, or counsailyng of or to any such petie treasons murders or felonies, shulde from thensforth be admitted to the benefite of his or their clergie, but vtterly be excluded therof, and suffre deathe in suche maner and fourme, as thei shulde haue done for any the causes or offences abouesaide, if they were no clerkes, such as be within holy orders, that is to saie, of the orders of subdeacon or aboue, onely excepte. And also it was then and there by auctoritie aforesaid, further enacted, that euery suche person and persons within suche orders of subdeacon or aboue, whiche at any time from thenseforth shulde be founde giltie of any petie treason, or of any murder of malice prepensed, or of any of the felonies aboue rehersed, or of any accessarie to petie treason, wilfull murder, or to any other the felonies aboue especified, and admitted to his or their clergie, and deliuered to the ordinarie for the same, shulde not in any wise from thenseforth be suffred to any purgacion, nor be set at libertie,

Benefitte of clergie.

Subdeacon.

tie, but remayne and abide in perpetuall prison, vnder the kepyng of the ordi-
narie, to whom he shulde be cõmitted & his successours, without any maner
of purgacion, duryng the naturall lyfe of euery such conuicte: excepte onely
such person and persons so beynge within such holy orders, and conuicte of
or for any of the offences aforesaide, & deliuered to the ordinary for the same,
do fynde two sufficient sureties by recognisaunce before two of the kynges
Justices of his peace within the same shyre, where the petie treason murder
or felonie, wherof he was conuicted, was cõmitted and done, wherof one of
thé to be of the Quorum, that such conuicte shall be of good abering against
the kynge our souerayngne lorde, his lawes and subiectes, euery such conuict
to be bounde in the summe of. xl. li. and euery his sureties in. xx. li. and that
no suretie to be taken, onles such as may dispende in landes tenementes or
hereditamentes yerely aboue all charges of estate of inheritance of charter
hold. xxvi. s. viii. d. or els be worth. xx. li. in mouable substaunce, at the time
of the takyng of suche recognisaunce. And that two Justices of peace, wher-
of one to be of the quorum, by auctoritie aforesaid, haue power & auctoritie
to take suche recognisaunce. And that the saide Justices, afore whome any
suche recognisaunce shall be taken, shall certifie the same in to the kinges
benche within foure monethes nexte after the takynge therof, vpon peine to
lose and forfaite. C. s. for euery defaute therof. And for as muche as there be
no Justices of peace ne of the Quorum within wales, nor in dyuers other
places, cities, honours, lordshippes, and manours within the kynges domi-
nion, where as a lorde marcher, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, deputie or other
officer of any such place, citie, honour, lordshyp, or manour haue auctoritie
or power, by custome or other wyse to arrayne afore hym or them any suche
person or persons beynge within suche holy orders of subdeacon or aboue,
for committyng or doyng any of the saide petie treasons murders, felonies,
or any other of the saide offences. And if it happen the same person so beyng
therof arrained to be founde giltie, for to admitte him to his chergie, if he
pray the same before iudgement, and further to do and execute agaynst any
such offendour, beynge so arrayned before them, in lyke maner and fourme
as Justices of the gaole deliuerie within the shire grounde haue vsed to do
by vertue of the kynges cõmission vnto them directed: By reason wherof
euery suche persone or persons, within suche orders of subdeacon or aboue,
beinge conuicte of any of the saide petie treasons, murders, felonies, or any
other the said offences, before any lorde marcher, stewarde, lieutenaunt, de-
putie, or other officer within wales, or within any other place citie honour
lordeship or manour within the kynges dominion, where no Justices of
peace be, and there vpon committed vnto thordinarie as clerke conuicte,
shall there remayne duryng the naturall lyfe of any suche conuicte: The
saide former acte and statute not withstandyng. For that there be no Justi-
ces of the peace ne of the Quorum, there as the saide petie treason mur-
der or felonie, wherof he is so conuicted, was committed and done, to take
suretie by recognisaunce for the good abering of euery suche conuicte,

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Petit per
petuall.

Ordinarie

Justices
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Conuicte.

Recognis
sance.

Wales.

in manour and fourme as in the said former act is rehersed. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assemble, and by auctorite of the same, that euery such person and persons, within suche ordres of subdeacon or aboue, beynge conuicte of any pety treason, or of any murder of malice prepensed, or of any of the saide felonies aboue rehersed, or of any accessarie to petie treason, wylfull murder, or to any other the sayd felonies aboue especified before any lord marcher, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, deputie, or other Justice or officer within Wales, or within any other place citie towne honour lordeshippe or maner within the kynges dominion, where no Justices of the peace and of the Quorum be, and therupon the same cõuicte admitted vnto his clergie, that the same person or persons so beyng within suche holy ordres, and conuicte before any suche lorde marcher Stewarde Lieutenaunt deputie or other iustice or officer in Wales, or within any such place citie towne honour lordeship or maner within any the kynges dominion, where be no Justices of the peace and of the Quorum, or for any of the offences aforesaide, and deliuered vnto the ordinarie as clerke conuicte for the same, shall or may kynde two sureties by recognisaunce for his good aberyng before two of the kynges Justices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quorum, in the shyre where the same conuicte is or shall be kepte in the ordinaries prison, if the same prison be within the shire ground, where iustices of the peace and of the quorum be, or els before two of the kynges iustices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quorum in the nerte shyre adioyninge vnto the same prison: And that the same two Justices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quorum, to haue power and auctorite to take suche recognisaunce, and to certifie the same in lyke maner and fourme and vpon like peyne as it shulde or ought to haue ben done by vertue of the saide former acte, if the same petie treason murder felonie or other offence, of or for which any such conuicte was or shal be so conuicte and admitted vnto his clergie, as is aforesaide, had ben committed and done within the shire grounde, wher Justices of the peace and of the Quorum be.

¶ An acte wherby dyuers offences be made high treason, and takyng away all sayntuaries for all maner of high treasons. cap. xiii.

FOr as much as it is moste necessarie bothe for commune policie and duetie of subiectes aboue all thynges to prohibite prouide restreyne and extincte all maner of shamefull sclaunders perils or imminent daunger or daungers, which might growe happen or ryse to theyr soueraygne lorde the kynge, the queene, or theyr heyres, whiche whan they be herde sene or vnderstande, can not be but odible and also abhorred of all those sortes that be true and louynge subiectes, if in any pointe they maie do or shall touche the kynge, his queene, their heires or successours, vpon whiche dependeth the hole vnitie and vniuersall weale of this

this realme, without prouiding wherfore to great a scope of vnreasonable libertie shulde be giuen to all cankarde and traiterous hartes, willers and workers of the same. And also the kynges louyng subiectes shulde not declare vnto their soueraine lord nowe being, whiche vnto them hath bene and is most entierly both beloued & estemed, their vndoubted sincerittie & trouthe. Be it therfore enacted by the assent & consent of our soueraine lorde the king, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this present parliamét assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that if any person or persons after the first date of Februarie next comyng, do malitiously wisshe will or deuise by wordes or writing, or by crafte imagin, inuente, practise, or attempte any bodily harme to be done or committed to the kynges most rotall person, the queene, or their heires apparant, or to depriue them or any of the, of the dignitie title or name of their rotall estates, or sclaunderously and maliciously publisshe and pronounce by expresse writing or wordes, that the king our soueraine lorde shulde be heretike, scismatike, tiraunt, infidele, or vsurper of the crowne, or repellously do detein kepe or withholde from our saide soueraine lorde, his heires or successours, any of his or their castels, fortresses, fortilesses, or holdes within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, or marches, or rebellioussly detein kepe or withholde from the kynges saide highnesse, his heires or successours, any of his or their shippes, ordinaunces, artillery, or other munitions or fortifications of warre, and do not humbly render and giue vp to our saide soueraine lorde, his heires or successours, or to suche persons as shalbe deputed by them, suche castels, fortresses, fortilesses, holdes, shippes, ordinaunces, artillary, and other munitions, and fortifications of warre, rebellioussly kepte or detetned, within. vi. daies nexte after thei shalbe commaunded by our saide soueraine lorde, his heires or successours, by open proclamatiō vnder the great seale. That then euery suche person and persons so offending in any the premisses, after the saide firste date of Februarv, their aidours, counsellours, consentours, and abbettours, being therof lawfully conuicte, according to the lawes and customes of this realme, shall be adiuged traitours, and that euery suche offence in any the premisses, that shalbe committed or done after the saide first date of Februarv, shal be reputed accepted and adiuged high treason: And the offendours therin, and their aidours consentours counsellours and abbettours being lawfully conuicte of any suche offence, as is aforesaide, shall haue and suffre such peines of death, and other penalties, as is limitted and accustomed in cases of high treason. Traitours. High treason.

And to thintent that all treasons shuld be the more dred hated and detested to be done by any person or persons, and also bycause it is a great boldnes and an occasion to ill disposed persons to aduenture and vnbrace their malicious intentes and enterprises, whiche all true subiectes ought to studie to eschewe. Be it therfore enacted by thauctorite aforesaide, that none offendour in any kyndes of high treasons, what so euer thei be, their aidours, consentours, counsellours, or abbettours, shall be admitted to haue the

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benefite or priuilege of any maner of sanctuarie, considering that matters of treasons toucheth so nigh both the surette of the kynge our soueraine lordes person, and his heires and successours.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if any of the kynges subiectes denisens or other, do committe or practise out of the limittes of this realme in any outwarde parties, any suche offences, whiche by this acte are made, or heretofore haue be made treason, that then suche treasons what so euer thei be, or where so euer thei shall happen so to be done or committed shall be inquired, and presented by the othes of twelue good & lawfull men, vpon good and probable euidēce and witnes in suche shire & countie of this realme, and before such persons, as it shall please the kinges highnes to appoint by commissiō vnder his great seale, in like maner and fourme as treasons committed within this realme, haue ben vsed to be inquired of and presented, and that vpon euery inditemēt and presentmēt founden and made of any suche treasons, and certified into the kynges benche, like proces & other circumstaunce shall be there had and made against the offenders, as if the same treasons so presented had be lawfully founde to be done and committed within the limittes of this realme. And that all proces of outlarie hereafter to be made and had within this realme, against any offendours in treason, being resiaunt or inhabited out of the limittes of this realme, or in any of the parties of beyonde the sea, at the time of the outlarie pronoūced against thē, shall be as good and as effectuall in the lawe to all intentes and purposes, as if suche offendours had be resident and dwellyng within this realme, at the time of suche processe awarded and outlarie pronounced.

Othes.

Outlarie

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery offender and offenders being hereafter lawfully conuict of any maner of high treasons by presentement confession verdicte or processe of outlarie, according to the due course and custome of the cōmon lawes of this realme, shall lose & forfaite to the kynges highnesse, his heires & successours, all such lādes, tenemētes, and hereditamētes, which any such offender or offenders shall haue of any estate of inheritaunce in vse or possession, by any right title or meanes within this realme of Englande, or els where within any the kynges dominions, at the time yt any suche treason committed, or any time after. Sauinge to euery persone and persons, their heires and successours, other then the offenders in any treasons, their heires and successours, and suche person and persons, as claime to any their vses, all suche rightes titles interestes possessions leases rentes offices and other profites, whiche thei shall haue at the daie of committing suche treasons, or at any time afore, in as large and ample maner, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made.

¶ An acte for nominacion and consecracion of suffragans within this realme. Cap. xiiii.

ALbe it that sithen the begynnynge of this present parliament, good and honourable ordinaunces and statutes haue ben made and established

bliſſhed for elections, preſentacions, conſecracions, and inueſtyng of archebiſſhoppes and biſſhoppes of this realme, and in all other the kynges dominions, with all ceremonies apperteinyng vnto the ſame, as by ſondry ſtatutes therof made more at large is ſpecified: yet neuertheleſſe no prouiſion hitherto hath ben made for ſuffragans, whiche haue ben accuſtomed to be had within this realme for the more ſpedy adminiſtracion of the ſacramentes and other good holſome and deuoute thinges, and laudable ceremonies, to the encreaſe of goddis honour, and for the commoditie of good and deuoute people. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that the townes of Therford, Ippeſwiche, Colcheſter, Douer, Gilford, Southampton, Taunton, Shaftesburie, Walton, Marlebourghe, Bedford, Leiceſter, Glocester, Shrewesburie, Bryſtowe, Penrethe, Bridgewater, Nottingham, Grauntham, Hulle, Huntingdon, Cambridge, and the townes of Pereth and Barwyke, ſainct Germaines in Cornewall, and the Iſle of wihgt, ſhal be taken and accepted for ſees of biſſhops ſuffragans to be made in this realme and in wales, and the biſſhops of ſuche ſees ſhall be called ſuffragans of this realme. And that euery archebiſſhop & biſſhop of this realme and of wales, and els where within the kynges dominions, being diſpoſed to haue any ſuffragane, ſhal and mate at their liberties name and electe, that is to ſaie, euery of them for their peculier dioceſe, two honeſt and diſcrete ſpirituall perſons, being lerned and of good conuerſacion, and thoſe two perſons ſo by them to be named, ſhall preſent to the kynges highnes by their writyng vnder their ſeales, makyng humble requeſt to his mateſtie, to giue to one ſuche of the ſaide two perſons, as ſhall pleaſe his mateſtie, ſuche title name ſtile and dignitie of biſſhop of ſuche of the ſees aboue ſpecified, as the kynges highnes ſhall thinke moſt conuenient for the ſame. And that the kynges mateſtie vpon euery ſuche preſentacion, ſhall haue full power and auctoritie to giue to one of thoſe two perſons, ſo to his highnes to be preſented, the ſtyle title and name of a biſſhop of ſuche of the ſees afore ſaid, as to his mateſtie ſhall be thought moſte conuenient and expedient, ſo it be within the ſame prouince, wherof the biſſhoppe that dothe name him is. And that euery ſuche perſon, to whom the kynges highnes ſhall giue any ſuche ſtyle and title, of any of the ſees afore named, ſhall be called biſſhop ſuffragane of the ſame ſee: whervnto he ſhall be named. And after ſuche title ſtyle and name ſo giuen, as is afore ſaide, the kynges mateſtie ſhall preſent euery ſuch perſon by his letters patentes vnder his great ſeale, to the archebiſſhop of Canturbury, if the towne wherof he hath his title, be within the prouince of Canturbury, and likewiſe to the archebiſſhoppe of Yorke, if the towne wherof he hath his title, be within the prouince of Yorke, ſignifieng and declaryng by the ſame letters patentes, the name of ỹ perſonne preſented, and the ſtyle and title of dignitie of biſſhoprziche, whervnto he ſhall be nominated: requiring the ſame archebiſſhop, to whom ſuche letters patentes ſhall be directed, to conſecrate the ſaid perſon ſo nominate & preſented, to the ſame name title ſtyle and dignitie of biſſhop: that he ſhall be nominate & preſented

Suffragans.

Sees of biſſhops ſuffragans.

sented vnto, and to giue him all suche consecrations benedictions & ceremonies, as to the degre and office of a bisshop suffragan shall be requisite.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that all & euery suche person and persons, as shall be nominated elected presented and cõsecrated, as is afore rehersed, shall be taken accepted and reputed, in al degrees and places, according to the style title name and dignitie that he shal be so presented vnto, and haue suche capacitie power & auctoritie, honour, preeminence, and reputacion, in as large and ample maner in and concernyng the execucion of suche commission, as by any of the saide archebisshops or bisshops within their dioces shall be giuen to the saide suffragans, as to suffragans of this realme heretofore hath ben vsed and accustomed.

Letters patentes.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery archebisshop of this realme, to whom any the kynges letters patentes in the cases afore rehersed, shall be directed, hauyng no laufull impediment, shal performe and accomplishe the effectes and cõtentes of this acte within the time of .iii. monethes next after such letters patentes shall come to their handes, any vsage customes forein lawes, priuileges, prescripcions, or other thyng or thynges heretofore vsed had or done to the contrary hereof not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that no suche suffragans, whiche shall be made & consecrate by vertue and auctoritie of this acte, shall take or perceiue any maner of profites of the places and sees, wherof thei shal be named, nor vse haue or execute any iurisdiction or episcopall power or auctoritie within their saide sees, nor within any dioces or place of this realme, or els where within the kinges dominions, but onely suche profites iurisdiction power & auctoritie, as shal be licenced & limitted to them to take do & execute by any archbisshop or bisshop of this realme within their dioces, to whom thei shall be suffragãs by their commission vnder their seales. And that euery archebisshop & bisshop of this realme, for their owne peculier dioces, maie and shall giue suche commission or commissions to euery suche bisshop suffragan, as shall be so consecrate by auctoritie of this act, as hath ben accustomed for suffragãs heretofore to haue, or els suche cõmission as by them shal be thought requisite reasonable & conuenient. And that no suche suffragan shall vse any iurisdiction ordinary, or episcopal power, otherwise nor longer time than shal be limitted by such commission to him to be giuen as is aforesaid, vpon peine to incurre into the peines losses forfaitures and penalties mencioned in the statute of prouisions, made in the .xvi. yere of kynge Richard the second.

Archebisshop and bisshop.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that the bisshop that shall nominate the suffragan to the kynges highnes, or the suffragan him selfe that shall be nominate, shall prouide two bisshoppes or suffragans to consecrate him with the archebisshop, and shall beare their reasonable costes.

¶ Prouided also that the residence of him that shall be suffragan ouer the dioces, where he shall haue commission, shall serue him for his residence as sufficiently, as if he were resident vpon any other his benefice, any acte, heretofore made to the contrary not withstandinge.

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¶ Be it further enacted, that all suche suffraganes, as shall hereafter exercise thoffices aforesaide, by the cõmission of the bishop, for the better maintenaunce of his dignitie, may haue two benefices with cure, any former acte made to the contrary notwithstandynge. Benefices with cure.

¶ An acte for takynge awaie certaine exactions taken within the archedeaconrye of Rychemonde by spirituall men. cap. xv.

FOr as muche as diuers and many the kynge our soueraine lordes subiectes, inhabited within the archedeacourte of Richemonde, in the countie of yorke, be and of longe tyme haue ben sore and grieuously exacted and impouerisshed by the persons vycars and others suche as haue benefices and spirituall promocions within the same, as by takynge of euery persone, whan he dieth, in the name of a pension or of a porcion, sometyme the vyncthe parte of all his goodes and cattals, and somtyme the thyrde parte, to the open and manyfest imponerisshynge of moste parte of all the kynges poore subiectes, inhabited & deceasynge within the same. wherfore be it ordeined enacted and establisshed by the kynge our soueraine lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this present parliament assẽbled, and by the the auctorite of the same, ỹ from the feast of saynte Marke the euangelyst nexte comynge, no maner of spirituall person or others nowe haunynge, or that from the saide feaste shall haue any maner of benefice, or other spirituall promotion within the saide archedeaconrie, shall in no wyse aske leuye demaunde or take, after the discreasse of any persone or persones any suche porcions or pensions, nor any other demaunde or duetie, in ỹ name or lue of the same, vpon peyne to incurre suche daungers forfaytures & penalties, as be conteined in the statute of prouysours, made in the. xxb. yere of the reigne of your moste noble progenitour kynge Edwarde the thyrde: But that all & euery the kinges subiectes of the sayd archedeaconry, & their executours & administratours, from henceforthe shall be ordred entreated & vsed for their goodes and cattalles after theyr decreasse, in lyke maner fourme order and condicion, as is conteined in the statute made in the. xxi. yere of your moste noble and victorious reygne for probate of testamentes, and none other wyse, any vse custome bull composition prescription or ordinaunce heretofore had obteined or vsed to the contrary, within the forsaid archedeaconry, in any wise notwithstandynge. Archedeaconry of richemond. Pensis or porcion.

¶ An acte for makynge of worsteades in the cities of Norwiche, and in the townes of Lynne and yarmouth. cap. xvi.

WHere at a parliamente holden at London the. xb. date of Aprill, in the. xiiii. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lorde the kynge that nowe is, and from thens adiourned to Westempnster, the laste date of July, in the. xb. yere of our sayde soueraygne lorde,

Worstede weuers,

and there ended: It was ordeined enacted & established, that the craftes me called worstede weuers, inhabited in the towne of great yermouthe, shulde haue power & auctorite by that acte from thens forwarde, to electe, & chose yerely for euer, on the munday nexte after the feast of Pentecost, one honest man of the mistery and occupacion of worstede weuers, beinge an house holder within the saide towne of great yermouthe, and hauynge of his proper goodes and cattals to the value of.x. li. at the least, or landes & tenementes to his owne vse of estate of freholde at the least, to the clere yerely value of xx.s. to be wardeyn of the same crafte & mystery of worstede weauers for the yere nexte ensuyng, which man so elected & chosen, shuld personally appere before the mayre of the citie of Norwiche for the time beynge, the mundaie nexte after the feast of corpus Christi, then nexte ensuyng, then and there to be sworne and charged by lyke othe, concernynge the true and substanciall makynge of worstedes saies and stamines within the saide towne of great yermouth, as the. iiii. wardeyns of the said citie of Norwiche, by vertue of an acte of parliament, made in the. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe, were charged & sworne for the same citie of Norwiche. And if the saide mayre happened to be absēt the said mundaie nexte after corpus Christi, or els then refused to receiue or take the said othe, than the said wardein so electe within. iiii. dayes nexte after the same munday, shulde come before the bailliffes of the saide towne of great yermouthe, for the time beynge, or before one of them, the other beinge absente, and then and there receiue a corporall othe for the true exercisyng of the same office of wardeynshyp, after the tenour of the othe accustomably vsed to be gyuen to the said wardeins of the saide citie of Norwiche, and then the said wardein of the said towne of great yermouth for the tyme beinge, so electe and sworne, myght ordeine and appoint a seale with this letter, r, to be grauen in the same seale, and might haue full power and auctoritie to viewe serche seale, and seale in leade with the same seale, so to be appointed and engrauen, and none other, all worstedes saies and stamynes within the saide towne of yermouthe, & suburbes of the same, made or to be made, & not els where, in as large & ample maner as the saide wardeins of the said citie of Norwiche, and the wardeins of the countie of Norfolke or any of them, had within the saide citie or countie, or in any wise may do in that behalfe by auctoritie or vertue of the afore remembred acte, made in the saide seuenth yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe any thinge in the same conteined to the contrarye therof notwithstandynge. And that no persone inhabited within the saide towne of great yermouthe or suburbes therof, shulde weaue any worstedes, saies, or stamynes, within the same towne, excepte he be an Englysheman borne, and had ben a prentise to the saide occupacion, & without he weaued therin such prope markes as shuld be limitted and appointed by the saide wardeine of the saide towne for the time beinge, electe and sworne as is afore saide, vpon peine of forfayture therof to the kynge our souerayne lorde. And that euery wardeyne of the saide towne shuld limitte distincte and seuerall markes to euery of the saide

Yermouth.

Norwiche

Markes.

worsted

worsted weauers of the same towne of great Yarmouthe, and the same markes by the saide wardeine to be regestred in a boke.

¶ And also it was further enacted, that if and when so euer the towne of Lynne shulde be inhabited with .x. sondry householders or more nombre of householders, exercisinge and vsinge the saide crafte or mistery of worstede weauers, then and from thensforthe, that is to saie, as longe as the same towne of Lynne shulde be inhabited with the nombre of .x. suche householders at the leaste, it shoulde be lefull to the same inhabitauntes of the saide towne of Lynne, yerely in the mundate nexte after the feast of Pentecost, to electe and chose of them selfe one wardeine of the saide crafte and mystery of worstede weauers, to be of the value in landes and goodes as is aforesaide of the wardeynes of yarmouthe, whiche wardeine so electe, shulde yerely be sworne and charged at the saide citee of Norwich, in like maner and at lyke day, as is before limitted to the wardeines of yarmouth, or in defaute of the saide maire of Norwiche, then the saide wardein so to be electe for the saide towne of Lynne, to take a corporall othe before the maire of the saide towne, within suche time, and after suche forme as is before limitted vnto the saide wardeine of yarmouthe. And that the saide wardeine of the saide towne of Lynne for the tyme beinge so electe and sworne by him selfe, mighte ordeine and appoynt a seale with this letter, L, to be grauen in the seale, and might haue full power and auctorittie, to viewe serche seale and seale, in leade, with the same seale to be grauen, and with none other, all worstedes, saies, and stampnes, within the saide towne of Lynne and suburbes of the same, made or to be made, and not els where, in as large and ample maner, as the said wardeine of the saide citie of Norwiche, and wardeine of the saide countie of Norffolke, or any of them, had within the saide citie or countie, or other wise myght do by auctorittie or vertue of the aforesaid acte, made in the saide seuenth yere of kynge Edwarde the fourth, any thinge conteined in the same acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

Lynne.

Seale.

¶ And that no person inhabited within the saide towne of Lynne or suburbes therof, shuld make any worstedes sayes or stamins within the same towne, excepte he were Englishe borne, and had ben apprentice to the same occupacion, and without he weaued therin suche proper marke, as shuld be limitted & appointed by the saide wardeins of the same towne of Lynne for the tyme beynge, vpon peine of forfaiture therof to the kynge our soueraigne lorde. And that euery wardeine of the saide towne, shuld lymitte distinct and seuerall markes to euery of the saide worsted weauers of the same towne, and the same markes by the saide wardeine to be regestred in a boke.

Apprentice.

¶ And it was further enacted, that from the feast of sainct Michaell tharchaungell then nexte folowynge, vnto suche tyme as the sayd towne of Lyn shuld be inhabited with the said nomber of .x. householders of the said crafte of worsted weauers, and alwaies after when the nomber of .x. householders shulde happen to faile and not be inhabited in the said towne of Lynne, the sayde wardeines of the saide citie of Norwiche and their successours, shulde

procure & cause one of them selues or one of the wardeines of the said craft of the said countie of Norffolke, personally to come & be euery .xxviii. date from and after the saide feaste of saincte Michaell the archaungell in and to the saide towne of Lynne, or within .vi. dates nexte after euery suche .xxviii. day, and there to continue and abide by so longe tyme, as he might serche and seale all suche worstedes sayes and stampnes, made in the same towne of Lynne, as then shulde be brought to hym to be sealed within the space of one hole date. And the saide inhabytauntes of worstede weauers of the same towne of Lynne beynge, shulde contente and paie to the saide wardeines of Norwiche or Norf. whiche shulde so come to Lynne, in the said .xxviii. day, or within the .vi. dates nexte after the .xxviii. day, for his costes and expences for euery tyme that he shoulde so come to Lynne, betwene the feastes of saynct Michaell the archaungell, and the Annunciacon of our lady saincte Marie. iii. s. and for euery tyme that he shoulde so come to the saide towne of Lynne, betwene the feast of the Annunciation of our lady, and the feaste of saincte Michaell the archaungell. ii. s. And if the saide inhabitauntes of worstede weauers of the saide towne of Lynne dyd not contente and paie to the saide wardeine, commynge to Lynne in fourme aforesaide, for his saide costes and charges, the saide. iii. s. or. ii. s. as is aboue limitted, than the same inhabitauntes shoulde forfaite and paie to the saide wardeine, or to his executours for euery suche defaute of payment. xl. s. And if none of the saide wardeines of Norwiche and Norf. come to the saide towne of Lynne, for the cause aforesaide, in maner and fourme aboue remembred, that the saide wardeines of the saide citie of Norwiche shoulde forfaite and paie to the saide inhabitauntes of Lynne of the saide misterye of worstede weauers, for euery suche defaulte. xl. s. for recompence of the penalitie and forfaytes, the saide wardeines of Norwiche or Norf. beynge therunto intitled by that acte by his proper name, with this addicion, that is to saie, Vnius gardianorum, or Nuper vnius gardianorum, artis siue misterie textorum panni lanei vocat. worsted in ciuitate Norwici, vel cõ. Norff. as ꝑ truthe requireth, shuld & might haue action of dette by writ byll or plainte in any competent or lawfull courte of this realme, against the inhabytauntes of Lynne of the saide mysterie for the time being, by their sondry proper names, and the said inhabitauntes by their said names, with this addicion, Textorum panni lanei vocat. worst. inhabitantes ville de Lynne, shulde & might haue lyke action of dette against the saide wardeines of Norwiche, by the name of Gardiani artis siue misterie textorum pannorum laneorum, vocat. worsted infra ciuitatem Norwici vel com. Norff. to be vsed to good congruities of latyne, and fourme of the lawes of this realme, in whiche actions or any of them, none essoine protection or wager of lawe shuld be suffered or allowed. And that the particular bodies or goodes of any of the saide wardeines or inhabitauntes, being condemned in any of the said actions, shulde and might be put in execucion, after suche maner and fourme, as is vsed in an action of dette by course of the common lawe of this realme.

wardeins.

And

¶ And moze ouer it is enacted, that all clothes of wozstedes saies and stampns, made within any of the saide townes of Lynne and great yermouth oz subburbes of the same, oz any of them, and marked with suche markes, as shulde be limitted to the markers, by the said wardens of the saide towne in maner and fourme as is aboue said, and viewed and sealed by any of the saide wardeines of the saide townes of Lynne and yermouthe, in fourme remembzed, by fozce and vertue of the saide acte mighte be laufully put to sale by the owners and makers of the same, without any other markynge oz sealynge vpon the same clothes, oz vpon any of them to be had oz made, of oz vpon any of the saide clothes, foz lacke of any other seales oz markes, any thynge conteyned in the said. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourth to the contrary not withstandynge.

Clothes of wozstedes, sayes and stamins.

¶ And ouer this it was enacted, that euery craftes man of the said mistery and occupacion of wozstede makynge, dwellynge within any of the saide townes of Lynne and yermouth, and subburbes of the same, at they? owne free willes and liberties from thensfozthe foz euer might haue and take appzentice oz appzentices, beinge male of the age of. xviii. yeres and vpwarde, and beynge the kynges naturall subiectes, foz terme of. vii. yeres and not vnder, so that none of them excede the numbze of two at ones, to lerne vse and exercise the saide crafte within either of the saide two townes of Lynne and great yarmouth, and subburbes of the same: all be it the father of the said appzentice oz appzentices myght not expende in landes oz tenementes, to the yerely value of twentie shillynges: any acte oz ozdinaunce to the contrary made oz to be made not withstandynge.

¶ Pzouided alwaie that the same acte, oz any thinge therin conteined, shoulde not in any wise be hurtfull oz pzeiudiciall to the maire of Nozwyche, oz to his succession, oz to the wardeines of the saide citie oz countie, oz to they? successours, in any poynte oz article power oz auctozitie, sother then foz weauynge, serchynge, and sealynge of wozstedes saies and stampnes, made oz to be made onely within the saide townes of Lynne and yermouthe, oz subburbes of the same, oz to any of them, and foz limittynge of markes, to the makers of wozstedes, saies, and stampnes, onely inhabited in either of the said townes oz subburbes therof, and takinge of appzentices in fozme aboue remembred: but that the saide maire of the saide citie of Nozwiche, and wardens of the same citie and countie, and euery of them, might haue and vse all other poyntes, articles, powers, and auctozities conteined and specified in the aboue remembzed acte, made in the said. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe, as well foz the serche sealynge cozrection and refozmacion of the saide wardeines, newely to be elected by the vertue of the same acte, and euery of theim, accozdynge and after suche fourme as they mighte do oz vse any of the saide wardeynes of the saide citie oz countie, by fozce of the saide acte, made in the saide. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the iiii. as all and euery other inquiries, cozrections serches sealynges and refozmacions to be hadde foz the true makynge of wozstedes, saies, and stampnes,

Marchantes.

ynns, in and vpon any person or persones, as well within the saide townes of Lynne and yermouth, as without, without trouble lette or vexacion of any of the inhabitauntes of the saide towne, in as large and ample wise, as they might haue done before the makynge of the saide acte, any thynge conteyned in the same acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ And also it was further prouided and enacted, that the said craftes men of worsted weauers, inhabited, or after that to be inhabited within eyther of the saide townes of Lynne and yermouth or subburbes of the same, and the marchauntes, or any other person or persones, whiche shulde happen to by of the same craftes men, or any of them, or any other person, any of the said clothes of worstedes saies or stamins, made or to be made within either of the said townes of Lynne and yermouth, and sealed by the saide wardens of the same townes, to be electe and swore, as is aforesaid, and any of them shuld not there die or put in colour, or kalender any worstedes stamines or sayes, made, or after that to be made within either of the saide townes of Lynne and yermouth, and subbarbes of the same, in any other place or places, but only within the saide citie of Norwiche, or subbarbes of the same, vpon peine of forfaiture of euery pece of worstedes saies or stamines, to be made within any of the saide townes of Lynne and yermouthe, or subbarbes of the same, or the value therof, shorne, dyed, coloured, or kalendred by any of the saide craftes men, byers, or marchauntes, in any other place or places than in the saide cities of Norwiche, or subbarbes of the same. The one halfe therof to be to the king our soueraine lord, & the other halfe therof to such person or personnes, as shulde sease the same, so that the saide worstedes brought to the said citie of Norwiche to be shorne dyed colored and kalendred, without couyne or crafte of any of the saide inhabitauntes and marchantes, might be shorne died coloured and kalendred at & by as conuenient price or prices, & in as redy wise, as the saide inhabitauntes of eyther of the said townes of Lynne and yermouth, and marchantes byers of the saide worstedes, or other of the saide citie and countie, had had in tymes paste, or after that shulde haue. And also that the same inhabitauntes and marchantes and euery of them so bringyng the saide worstedes to the same citie to be shorne died coloured and kalēdred, were reasonably and lawfully intreated accordynge to the saide acte, made in the saide. viii. yere of kynge Edwarde the. iiii. and the ordinance made and affirmed, or hereafter to be made and affirmed for the saide misterie, without let or disturbance, contrary to the same acte or ordinaunce in that behalfe.

¶ And it was further enacted, that no persone or persons, any tyme after that shulde conuey or transporte in to any of the parties of beyonde the sea, any maner of clothes of worstedes, before the same clothes were shorne, died coloured and kalendred, vpon peine of forfaiture the value therof: the one halfe to the kynge our soueraine lorde, and the other halfe therof to the partie that will sue therfore, by action or plaint of det in any of the kynges courtes, in which action or suite no protection or essoine shuld be alowed, nor the

defendour

defendour admitted to wage his laiwe, as by the said acte therof made more plainly appereth: whiche act was made to endure unto the next parliament, wherby it is nowe expired. In consideracion wherof, and for as much as the same act is a good & necessarie acte for the trewe makyng of worsteades, saies, and stamins, and very commodious & profitable for the increase of the saide townes of yermouth and Lynne, be it therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, that the same acte, and euery article sentence and prouision therin conteined, shall from henceforthe be continued and stande for euer in full strength and vertue.

¶ In acte that no fermours of spirituall persons shalbe cõpelled or charged to pay for theyr lessours first fruites or yeres pension for the tenth graunted to the kynges highnes. Cap. xvii.

FOr certaine reasonable and vrgent consideracions, mouynge the kynges most high courte of parliament, it is ordeined and enacted by auctorite of the same, that all and singular fermours and lesses of any manours, lordeshippes, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, personages, vycarages, portions of tithes, or other what so euer profittes or commodities, belongynge to any archebisshoppe, bisshoppe, or other prelate or spirituall persone or persons, or spirituall body corporate or politique, wherof any firste fruites or yerely pension of the tenth parte is graunted to the kynge our soueraigne lorde in this present session of the saide courte of parliament, shall be discharged and not chargeable to pay to our said soueraigne lorde of his or their proper money coste or charge, for or in discharge of the lessour or lessours, owner or owners of the same, by reason of any couenaunte, bargayne, bonde, condicion, clause of reentre, or other thynge heretofore made or concluded, but that euery of the saide lessours and owners, and their successours, shall bee charged and chargeable to pai and satisfie the same of his or their proper cost and charge, to the kynge our soueraigne lorde, his heires and successours accordynge to the graunt therof: any couenaunt, bargayne, contracte, bonde, condicion, clause of reentre, or other thyng heretofore made or concluded to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstandynge. Fermours Lessees.

¶ In acte concernynge the kynges generall and free pardon graunted by his highnes. Cap. xviii.

THE KYNGES MOSTE ROIALL maieste prudently consyderynge, that all be it his highnes of his moste excellent pitie benignitie and mercy, manyfolde tymes heretofore mercifully and liberally hath graunted his moste gracious free and generall pardone, to all and singular his subiectes Pardon generall and free.

tectes, by the whiche his maieſtie hath remitted and releaſed innumerable and ineſtimable ſubſtaunce and profytes, which he mought haue lawfully taken & had by the lawes and cuſtomes of this his realme, truſtyng by his often remiſſion pardone and mercy, miniſtred to his ſubiectes, to allure offenders from vice to vertue, and that they wold put theyr diligent deuoires to amend and reſourme their abuſes: yet neuertheles his louyng and obedient ſubiectes, ſithens his laſt moſt gracious and liberall pardons to them graunted, haue incurred into innumerable penalties loſſes forfaitures and damages, wherof fewe or none of them are able to make full recompence or condigne ſatiſfaction to his highnes, if his maieſtie ſhulde procede agayuſt them by due courſe of his lawes, truſtyng that nowe from hensforthe they wyll eſtſones amende and beware the incurryng of the foreſaide daungers and perilles, ſeynge they haue had ſo many admonicions and gentill warnynges: And perceiuynge alſo the great zele and affection, whiche his louynge ſubiectes beare vnto him and his dignitie royall, as by many waies in this preſent parliament they haue declared and ſhewed. In conſideracion wherof, and truſtynge as afore, the kinges highnes to ſhew vnto his louynge ſubiectes, that he both can and wyll conſider, when he is both kyndely and louyngly handled of them, vpon his mere motion, and to declare alſo his tender loue and affection, whiche he beareth vnto his nobilitie and ſubiectes, accordyng to his accuſtomable goodnes, is contented and pleaſed at this tyme to extende his pitie mercie and benignitie to all and ſingular his ſubiectes of this his realme of Englande, Wales, the yles of Jarneſey and Garneſey, Barwyke, and Caleis, and the marches of the ſame by way of his free pardon and remiſſion, as hereafter foloweth, rather conueytinge their amendementes by gentyll, and mercifull meanes, then to be enriched by theyr euill dedes and offences. And for tyme his ſaide free pardone and remiſſion to be had taken and enioyed to and by them and euery of them by vertue of this preſente acte, his grace is fully and reſolutely contented and pleaſed, that it be enacted by auctorite of this preſent parliament, in maner and fourme folowynge, that is to ſaie: that all and euery of his ſaide ſubiectes, as well ſpirituall as temporall of this his realme of Englande, Wales, the ſaid Yles of Jerneſey, and Garneſey, Berwike, & Caleis, and the marches of the ſame, the heires ſucceſſours executours and adminiſtratours of them and of euery of them, and all and ſingular bodies in any maner of wyſe corporate, cities, boroughes, ſhires, riddinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tithynges, and of euery of them, and the ſucceſſour and ſucceſſours of euery of them, ſhalbe by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, acquited, pardoned, releaſed, and diſcharged ayenſt the kynges highnes, his heires and ſucceſſours and executours and euery of them, of all maner of felonies offences contemptes treſpaſſes wronges deceiptes miſdemeanours forfaitures penalties and profites, ſummes of money, peines of death, peines corporall and pecuniary, and generally of all other thynges, cauſes, quarels, ſuites, iudgementes, and execucions

cucions in this present acte hereafter not excepted nor forprised, which maie be or can be by his highnes in any wise or by any meane pardoned, before and vnto the third daie of the moneth of Nouember, in the.xxvi. yere. of his most noble reigne, to euery or any of his said subiectes, bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, Shires, Riddinges, Hundredes, Lathes, rapes, wapentakes, Townes, villages, and tithinges, or to any of them.

¶ And also the kynges highnes is contēted, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliamēt, that his said free pardon shalbe as good and effectuall in the law to euery of his said subiectes, bodies corporate, and others before rehersed, & to euery of them by the said generall wordes before rehersed, in and ageinste all thinges, whiche be not hereafter in this present act excepted, as the same pardon shuld haue ben, if all offences, contemptes, forfaitures, causes, matters, suites, quarels, iudgementes, execucions, penalities, and all other thinges not hereafter excepted, had ben particularly, singularly, specially, and plainly named rehersed and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes & names in their kindes natures & qualities, by wordes and termes ther vnto requisite, to haue ben put and expressed in this present acte of free pardon: And that his saide subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heires executours or administratours of any of them, nor any of the said bodies corporate and others before named, or any of them, be nor shall be sued vexed or inquieted, in their bodies goodes landes or cattalles for any maner matter, cause, contempte, misdemenour, forfaiture, trespas, offence, or any other thyng suffred done or committed before the saide third daie of Nouember, agaynst his highnes, his crowne, dignitie, prerogatife, lawe or statutes: but onely for suche matters, causes, & offences, as be plainly rehersed in the excepcions in this present acte hereafter mencioned, and for none other: any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vse, or president, heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ Also the kynges highnes of his bounteous liberalitie, by auctoritie of this present parliament graunteth and freely giueth to euery of his saide subiectes, and to euery of the saide bodies corporate, and others before rehersed, and to euery of them, all suche goodes, cattals, dettes, fines, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaitures, and summes of money, by any of them forfaited, whiche to his highnes do or shulde belonge or appertayne by reason of any offence contempte trespace misdemeanour matter cause or quarell, suffred done or committed by them or any of them, before the saide thirde daie of Nouember, whiche be not hereafter plainely forprised and excepted in this present acte. And that all and euery the kynges saide subiectes, and all and singular bodies corporate, and others before rehersed, maie by him or thē selfe, or his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their atturney or atturneis, according to the lawes of this realme, pleade and minister this present act of free pardon for his or their discharge of and for euery thyng, that is by vertue of this present acte pardoned, discharged, giuen, or graunted, without any fee or other thyng in any wise payenge

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to any perſon or perſons for writyng or entree of any ſuche pleading of the ſaid pardone, or for entree of the iudgement, or other cauſe concernyng ſuche plee, writing, or entree, but onely .xii. d. to be paide to the officer or clerke that ſhall entre the plee matter or iudgement for the parties diſcharge in that behalfe, any ſtatute or vſe to the contrary notwithſtanding.

¶ And furthermore the kynges highnes is contented and pleaſed, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that his ſaid free pardon by the generall wordes before reherſed, ſhall be reputed demed and iudged, allowed and taken in all maner courtes of his lawes, and elles where as well in the wordes and clauſes of the exceptions & forpriſes ſpecified in this preſent acte, as in all and ſingular other clauſes wordes and ſentences, mencioned and reherſed in the ſaid free pardon, moſt benefitially and auaylably to all and ſingular his ſaide ſubiectes, bodies corporate, and others before reherſed, and to euery of them, and moſt ſtrongely in barre and diſcharge againſt his highnes, his heires, ſucceſſours, and executours in euery thyng, without any obſtacle, ambiguite, chalenge, or other delaie what ſo euer it ſhall be, to be made, pleaded, obiected, or alleged by the kyng our ſouereaine lord, his heires, ſucceſſours, or executours, or by his or any of their generall atturney or atturneis, or by any other perſon or perſons for his highnes, or any of his heires, ſucceſſours, or executours.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by the kyng our ſouereaine lord, and by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that if any officer or clerke of any of his high courtes, commonly called the kynges benche, Chauncerie and common place, or of his eſcheker, or any other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes within this realme, at any time after the feaſte of Epiphanie of our lorde god nexte comnyng, make out or write out any maner writtes or other proces, or any extreates ſommous or other preceptes, wherby any of the ſaid ſubiectes, or any of the ſaid bodies corporate, or other before reherſed, or any of them, ſhalbe in any wiſe arreſted, attached, diſtreined, ſommoned, or otherwiſe vexed inquieted or greued, in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattalles, or in any of them, for or bycauſe of any maner of thyng pardoned or diſcharged by vertue of this act of free pardon, he ſo offending, and therof laufully condemned, ſhall yelde and paie for recompence therof to the partie ſo greued or offeuded, treble damages (accompted as parcell of theſe damages al coſtes of the ſuite). And neuer the les all and ſingular ſuch writtes, proces, extreates, and preceptes ſo to be made for or vpon any maner thyng pardoned or diſcharged by this preſente acte of free pardon, ſhall be vtterly voide and of none effecte.

¶ Excepted alwaie, and forprized out of the ſaide free pardon all maner of highe treaſons, and miſpriſions of highe treaſons, and all ſuites puniſhementes forfaitures and penalties for or by reaſon or occaſion of any of them, all prepenſed and voluntary murders, all robberies of churches, and robberies done vpon mens perſons, all other felonies and robberies by the common lawe, of felonious takyng of any money goodes or cattalles aboue

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the summe or value of.xx.s. all felonous burnyng of houses, all rauishementes of women, and all and singular accessaries to any the saide murders, or murderers, felonies, robberies, brennynges, or rauishementes, felons, robbers, brenners, and rauishers, all outlaries of high treasons, and of misprisions of high treasons, and all maner of felonies, other than felonies of the summe or value of twentie shillinges, or vnder the same summe: and that all other outlaries had or promulged vpon or against any person or persons for any cause, not being treason, misprision of high treasons, murder, or felonie aboue the saide summe of twentie shillinges, be and shall be pardoned by the generall wordes of this present acte of free pardon before written: so alwaies that the same persons and euery of them, stande to right to aunswere or satisfie the partie, at whose suite he is outlawed, according to the lawes of this realme.

¶ Also excepted & forprised out of the said free pardon, all and singular conuictions & atteindours of any person and persons, now being or remaynyng in any conuicte prison, or in the custodie of any bishop, abbot, or other spirituall person or ordinary, & euery of the same persons so atteinted or cõuicted. And also all multipliers & nigromancers, multiplicatiõs, and nigramãcies, and al suites impeticions processes and punishementes for or vpon the same or any of them: And al titles, and actions of Quare impedit, and all rauishementes of the kinges wardes, all wastes of the kynges woodes, and his forestes parkes or chases, all concelimentes of customes and subsidies.

¶ And also excepted and forprised out of this pardon all incloSures and decaies of houses of husbandrie, made, done, committed, or permitted contrary to the forme or effecte of any statute or statutes heretofore made, and also all issues profites amerciamentes fines and other penalties, whiche hereafter shall growe or be forfaited for any suche incloSures or decaies, and all intrusions had made or done into any maners, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, sithen the feast of sainct Michaell the Archangell, which was in the.xxv. yere of the kynges most noble reigne: And all and singular dettes, other then dettes growen vpon recognisances, being of the summe of fiftie poundes or vnder, and not aboue that summe, and being all redy forfaited for suretie, of the peace, or for apparance at any daie or place.

¶ And excepted and forprised out of this pardon all accomptes, and all actions suites and impeticions for the same accomptes, and arrerages of accomptes, and for the said dettes or any of them hereby excepted or forprised: all homages and reliefes not done or not paide: all wilfull escapes as well of conuictes as other prisoners: and all dettes, whiche were due to the most noble kynge of famous memorie kynge Henry the. vii. or to any persone or persons, to his vse, by any condempnacion, recognisaunce, obligacion, or otherwise: all and singular those forfaitures being due to our soueraine lorde kyng Henry the. viii. by any penall statute or statutes, whiche be conuerted into the nature of dette by iudgement, or by agrement of the offendours, before the said third daie of Nouember: and all forfaitures and other

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penalties and profittes growen or due by reason of any offence or acte, committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or cõtrary to the common lawe, wherof any seisure is made, or any informacion is giuen in the kinges escheker, or any suite there commenced, before the said third date of Nouember, or wherof the kinges highnes by his byll signed or otherwise, heretofore hath made any gifte or assignement to any of his seruauntes.

¶ And also excepted al issues forfaited, fines, amerciamentes, affered, tared, sette, extreated, or iudged seuerally, or particularlie, extending to the somme of a C.li. or aboue that summe, and that all and singular other fines, as well fines Pro licencia concordandi, as other, and all other issues and amerciamentes, as well reall as other, which seuerally or particularlie extende not to the saide summe of a hundred shillinges, whether thei be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the shiriffe or not taken to his charge, extreated or not extreated: whether thei be tourned into or not in to det, and not being leuied nor receiued by any shiriffe or shiriffes, bailiffe, ministers, or other officers, shal be fully clerely and plainely pardoned and discharged against the king our soueraine lorde, his heires and successours for euer by this present act of free pardon.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that in case it be objected to or ayenst any shiriffe or shiriffes, or other accomptantes in the kynges courte of Ercheker, or in any other his courtes, that any shiriffe or shiriffes, or other officers accomptant, hath receiued or taken any suche fines, issues, or amerciamentes, by this present acte pardoned and acquited, thei then euery suche shiriffe and shiriffes and other accomptantes, shall be discharged released pardoned and acquitted therof by his or their othe, without any further triall in that behalfe.

¶ Prouided alwaie, that this presente acte of free pardon, nor any thyng therin conteined, in any wise extende to discharge remit or acquite any persone or persones, for any suche issues, fines, and amerciamentes of one hundred shillinges or vnder, as any shiriffe heretofore hath accompted before the barons of the kynges Ercheker or els where, and paide the same issues fines and amerciamentes vpon his or their saide accompte, determined to the kynges vse, and haue his or their Quietus est, for the same.

THOMAS BERTHELETVS EXCVDEBAT.
Cum priuilegio ad imprimendum solum.